

9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Families,

As a Trust we wish to express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Her dedication to her duties was exceptional and we thank her for her dignity, her service, and her constancy of leadership. We are acutely aware that as well as a Head of State, our Queen has a family who will be mourning, and we send heartfelt condolences to them.

All our schools will be observing the period of mourning whilst continuing to support our students, families and employees. Unless otherwise informed, any scheduled activity will continue. We will only postpone any activity that we feel to be inappropriate to the period of mourning and only if this will not cause any difficulties for parents. Additionally, we will be ceasing all social media activity unless the information is for families and in relation to any change of scheduled activity.

If there is a national holiday for Her Majesty's funeral, all our schools will be closed for that day. Other than that our school hours will continue as normal. We have not yet had any confirmation when the funeral will be.

We will ensure that our children are supported in their civic education so that they understand the constitutional significance of this event and we will also remind them that grief affects everyone differently. As always we will have support in school for those that need it.

All our schools will recognise this sad event in a suitably dignified way.

Your sincerely



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CEO