



Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Arrangements for Monday 19th September 2022

I hope that you and your families have had a restful weekend. I am writing to you following the very sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II last week.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family. I appreciate this news may affect us all differently and we will process the news in our own way. However, the loss of a loved one is always difficult. As a community, we should remember The Queen with admiration and deep affection. It goes without saying that she had made an unforgettable contribution to our Nation and the Commonwealth. We have communicated and shared with the children the magnitude of this period and the importance of what has happened. This period marks an incredibly poignant moment in our lives as people, as teachers, as staff and as a School.

As the country begins an official period of mourning, pupils will be encouraged to continue to reflect. On Friday, we had a whole school assembly, and we all observed a period of silent reflection. Looking ahead to this half term, we shall consider how our School will provide further opportunities for pupils and colleagues to reflect on The Queen's inspirational reign. Appropriate pastoral support is available for pupils across the year groups as we acknowledge the effect this upsetting news may have on the boys and girls here. We can feel many different emotions when somebody dies. There is no right or wrong way to feel.

As further guidance for schools is published by the Government during this period of official mourning, we shall be in touch again to explain how this affects the pupils at the School.

We have received enquiries about school closures to reflect any required National Mourning. School is open as normal **except** we will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 which has been declared a Bank Holiday. There are no other requirement for us to close school on any another days. We wish for our students to continue with their academic curriculum and have minimal disruption to their learning.

We will be guided by the Royal Household and mood of the nation on any further details. We will keep you informed. Please visit the School's websites for any updates over the weekend.

All year groups are expected to return to School on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 8.30am.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S. Huxley
Headteacher

