



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

School and Trust Actions During the Period of National Mourning

We are all incredibly saddened at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. She has been a constant for so many for so long and the contribution she has made to the lives of people in this country and across the Commonwealth can never be underestimated.

You may know that we have now entered a period of national mourning. The schools in the trust will be remembering The Queen and her achievements through assemblies and may also extend this to their learning in class. We feel it is important that the children know and understand the impact that she has had and commemorate her life.

Currently, the direction from the Department for Education is that we continue to stay open and operate as normal. You may see some changes in communication, especially with social media, as we respect the period of mourning. However, we are not making any operational changes to the schools and so we continue to look forward to seeing your children in school every day. If there are any changes to this advice, we will, of course, let you know with as much notice as possible.

As recently as March this year, Queen Elizabeth II said: *"In these testing times, it is my hope that you can draw strength and inspiration from what we share, as we work together towards a healthy, sustainable and prosperous future for all."* So many of her messages resonate with people, but I found this one particularly relevant and aligned to our Trust values. I hope that we can continue to work together and embody the Queen's wishes for working together.

We will continue to support the children through this period of mourning and ensure that you are updated with any information as we receive it.

Yours sincerely,



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