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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a Federation we were deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty the Queen last week.

On Friday we held special Collective worships where we celebrated and remembered the life of a remarkable woman, who so aptly demonstrated the value of service to others. During the Collective Worship and Family time, students were given opportunities to ask questions and share their reflections. We recognise that death can be an abstract concept, especially for our younger children, as such we ensured we approached the topic with sensitivity and with honesty, ensuring students did not feel there were any questions they could not ask.

Throughout the coming week we will continue to spend time during our Collective Worship and Family time speaking to the students about the period of national mourning. Each campus will have a safe, quiet place where students can go to reflect and express their feelings. There are a number of resources available aimed at talking to young people about death which you may find useful. Please visit the [Child Bereavement website](#) for more information.

As you may now be aware, the State Funeral of Her Majesty the Queen will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This day has been designated a Bank Holiday and all schools will be closed. Any school activities that were due to take place on this day will be rescheduled. Our schools will reopen for all students on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

We will continue to hold the Royal Family and the newly proclaimed king, King Charles III, in our prayers.

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God of love,  
We thank you for the life of The Queen,  
for her service to our nation,  
and for her faith in you.  
Be close to all of us who mourn,  
that we may we find comfort and hope in your love,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Everlasting God, we pray for our new King.  
Bless his reign and the life of our nation.  
Help us to work together  
so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness  
flourish among us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Kind regards

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