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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral – School Closure – Monday 19 September**

I am writing to you today following the extremely sad news last week regarding the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday, the government has decided that the State Funeral will be on **Monday 19 September**. This will be a bank holiday. They have directed schools to close for the duration of that day like all normal bank holidays.

Their guidance states: ***'The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19 September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect. This will include schools and colleges.'***

The country is now officially in a period of national mourning until the end of the state funeral on Monday 19 September. However, this week there should be no interruption to attendance and school will be open as normal throughout this week. The government guidance states ***'for schools and further education settings normal attendance is expected throughout the National Mourning period, other than the bank holiday'***.

In school, we have had some reflection time in form groups and within assemblies. This week as part of national mourning we will be continuing to reflect further on the life of the Queen and work on British Values and the royal succession.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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