



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy are with the Royal Family following the death of Her Majesty The Queen. We are thankful for the time we had in June to celebrate her achievements and the inspiration that Queen Elizabeth II has been to us all throughout our lives; her calming and reassuring voice at times of national crisis, her ability to manage change and her ability to be at ease with herself and to put others at ease has been an inspiration to us. Just last summer, the video of the Queen with Paddington Bear gave much joy to children and adults around the world.

We have now entered a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. The Department for Education wrote to schools last night to confirm that schools and Further Education settings should remain open.

Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household and we have received further direction from the Department for Education, we will write to you with our plans for remembrance, reflection and thanksgiving across our schools. When these details are known we may need to postpone or cancel certain events.

Today as our schools opened, each school led an appropriate assembly or tutor time following the news of Her Majesty's death and reflected on Her Majesty's life of service.

We thank our teachers and leaders for the important role they play in reassuring children and young people at this difficult time.

Kind regards,

Colin Mackinlay
CEO

Su King
Headteacher

