

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



Dear Parents, Carers, Families and Staff,

We are all deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty the Queen, who for over seventy years faithfully acted as our leader serving the United Kingdom and Commonwealth.

We thank her for her service and dedication and offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family.

In our schools we will gather together to give thanks for the life of the only Queen most of us have ever known, our schools will also support children with any questions that they have around bereavement.

As we mourn our Queen and welcome our new King, everyday school life will continue, with all our schools focusing on high levels of attendance. A period of National Mourning has now begun and will continue until the State Funeral. During this period our schools will remember and reflect with gratitude on the Queen's amazing contribution to our lives and the remarkable legacy that she leaves.

Our schools will all remain open during the period of National Mourning, if there are special circumstances for an absence at this time, please address this to the Headteacher. For your reference there is an absence request form included as an appendix in the Attendance Policy.

**All schools will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** as this day will now be a Bank Holiday for the State Funeral.

Yours Sincerely,



CEO Mrs Paula Farrow