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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great sadness that we are writing to you today following the sad news of the Queen's death. Yesterday, Buckingham Palace announced the demise of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be preceded by a period of Lying-in-State. Dates and further details of these events will be announced by the Royal Household in due course. Schools will remain open during this period.

As you will be aware, a period of National Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has now started. The period of National Mourning will continue until the end of the day of the State Funeral. The Royal Family will undertake a separate period of Royal Mourning, subject to the wishes of The King.

National Mourning covers, among other matters:

- Half-masting of flags;
- How observing mourning can affect the continuation of business, events and sporting fixtures;
- Floral tributes; and
- Books of condolence.

Nevertheless, mourning is very personal and we anticipate children, individuals, families, communities and organisations may want to mark Her Majesty's demise in their own way. On Monday, we will be leading a special Collective Worship for our older children in Key Stage 1 to celebrate the Queen's life.

As a school, we have Mrs Suddery, our school's Welfare Officer, along with our teachers, teaching assistants etc. to support all children. Please see the following link for further support <https://www.minded.org.uk/>

Kind regards,

Ms. K Leach  
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