



To SEAX Trust Parents & Carers

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Dear Parents and Carers

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

Following the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, this will, without doubt, be a sad and reflective time for our Trust community, our country and, indeed, much of the wider world. Many of us will be experiencing feelings of grief and shock at yesterday's news and our country will remain in national mourning for a period of ten days from today.

At this early stage, the Department for Education has confirmed that schools should remain open during this period of national mourning and that further guidance will be issued once details become available. I will, of course, keep you fully informed of information as it is received. I believe that a National Day of Mourning; a public holiday, is due to be announced in due course. We will act in accordance with the officially announced arrangements for that day.

In the meantime, I wish to take this opportunity to reassure you that all of our schools will treat the matter with the upmost sensitivity and with the individual needs of our pupils at the fore. If you have any specific concerns in relation to your child, as always, please do not hesitate to discuss these with your individual school.

As our nation grieves the passing of a truly unique and long serving monarch who was a model of dedication to public service, I would like to end with a quotation from Queen Elizabeth herself, when, nearly 20 years ago, after the September 11 attacks, she observed that, "Grief is the price we pay for love".

Yours sincerely

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