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Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to you today regarding the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. As a school community, we are saddened by this news and join the nation and the world in mourning the loss of our Sovereign.

We aim to open our school in as normal fashion as possible at this time but in the knowledge that we will need to be mindful of the emotions and grieving of both staff and children.

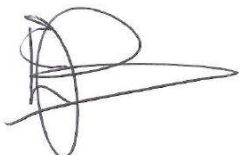
During the day today, we will talk with the children and explain in factual and simple terms - "The Queen has died" but also celebrate her life. This will be done in a sensitive and understanding way that is appropriate to the age of the children. Next week, this will be followed up taking into account any advice and recommendations from the Trust and wider children's organisations.

In time, there will be guidance as to what will happen at a national, regional and local level. For now, our immediate priority is to acknowledge the news and support those who are affected by it.

The following websites may be useful to support your child at home with further discussions:

- The Good Grief Trust - <https://www.thegoodgrieftrust.org>
- Winston's Wish - <https://www.winstonswish.org>
- Grief Encounter - <https://www.griefencounter.org.uk>
- Child Bereavement UK - <https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

Warmest wishes at this sad time.



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