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Dear Parent/Carer,

### Queen Elizabeth II

This update replaces the one I was intending to send to you today, which will be sent on Monday. As you will be aware, Queen Elizabeth II died yesterday marking the end of our longest reigning monarch and one of the world's most recognised and respected leaders. Our nation now enters a period of mourning and, regardless of any individual views of the monarchy, it is right to recognise her lifetime of service, duty and sacrifice.

As a school, and public body, we have a civic duty to recognise this period of mourning, which we will do calmly, responsibly and respectfully. Over the coming weeks our role will be:

- To inform: and keep students up to date with what is happening and why.
- To comfort: for those who may feel a sense of loss, concern or upset.
- To educate: and help our students understand the historical importance of what is happening.

I am expecting further guidance from the DfE later today on the schedule for the next two weeks and any implications that has for our community.

In the meantime, we will keep the Queen, her family and the King in our thoughts and prayers.

Yours sincerely,

**Andrew Rannard**  
Headteacher