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Dear Families,

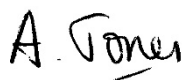
Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Department for Education have issued guidance over the weekend advising that schools should close next Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September as it has been declared a national public holiday to allow young people and their families the opportunity to mark this historic moment and to pay their respects to the life and service of the Queen.

School will therefore be closed all day on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and re-open at the usual time of 8.30am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that full attendance to school is expected for all students during this week in advance of the funeral.

On Friday during tutor time, students had the opportunity to reflect on the Queen's life of dedicated service through tutor time activities, and we held a one-minute silence at midday for a moment of reflection. PSHE lessons this week will provide students with an understanding of some of the key moments in the Queen's reign and the impact of her death, and this time will allow them the opportunity to ask questions and share their own thoughts if they choose.

The school has a book of condolence in our library space for students and staff to sign if they wish, and we are currently working across the Stamford Park Trust to gather student voice on how we would like to create a lasting legacy in honour of the Queen's memory and in recognition of her long service.

Yours sincerely,



Andrea Jones  
**Headteacher**

