

12 September 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

I would like to begin this letter to you today by expressing the great sadness of our school community following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

As you will be aware, the United Kingdom is currently in a period of mourning. During this time, school will remain open as normal. We will, however, be undertaking activities to ensure that our students can reflect on the significance of this event in history, as well as having the opportunity to explore the life of the Queen in more detail.

Later this week, staff and students will be able to sign a book of condolence which will be available to them at break and lunchtime. We hope that students will appreciate having the opportunity to sign this book if they wish to, and perhaps leave a brief message.

Additionally, as a mark of respect, on Thursday, 15 September 2022, all staff and students within GORSE will be holding a two-minute silence in memory of the Queen at 9.30 am.

As agreed at the Proclamation Ceremony on Saturday, 10 September 2022, His Majesty King Charles III has declared that Monday, 19 September 2022 shall be a Bank Holiday. On this day, the state funeral of the Queen will take place in London. As a result, school will be closed on this day, allowing time, for those who wish, to celebrate the life of the Queen. School will reopen to all students at the usual time on Tuesday, 20 September 2022.

There is no doubt that this is a time of sadness and reflection for the United Kingdom and wider Commonwealth. Should you, or your child require any additional support during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I wish you, and your family all the very best.

Yours faithfully



Mr C Stokes
Principal