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Dear Parents and Carers

St Dunstan's joins the rest of the country in a period of national mourning for the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We extend our deepest sympathy to Her Majesty's family at this very sad time.

I believe it is important to mark this occasion, recognising the values by which the Queen has lived her life over so many years.

Friday is the day we have our weekly whole school assembly and so, today, our assembly focused on the remarkable life of the Queen and her loyal service to the country.

As a staff, we were very proud of the respect and dignity our students showed throughout the assembly and during the minute's silence that we held. It was made clear to the students that, whatever their views on the institution of the monarchy, Her Majesty has been a very significant figure in history and is respected around the world. As the Head of State, she has led by example, with kindness and integrity, for over 70 years.

If any students or staff may need support during this period, we will ensure that this is provided. The school remains open, and full attendance is still expected. We will share further details in due course when we are clearer about the arrangements for schools at the time of the state funeral, and subsequent coronation of King Charles III.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher