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Dear parents and carers

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, it has been confirmed the official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This day will be a bank holiday with schools being closed as a sign of respect. Therefore, **no pupils should attend school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

I would like to take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to remind pupils that on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, there will be a sense of grief and mourning across the country and that pupils should be mindful of this if they plan to be in and amongst their local communities.

As a school we held a special assembly on Friday to remember the life and legacy of The Queen, including holding a minute's silence. All pupils were respectful and I was proud of their understanding of the sense of occasion. There are numerous locations in Medway where you can pay your respects. Books of Condolence are available at community hubs in Chatham, Gillingham, Hempstead, Rochester, Strood and Twydall and also at Rainham Library and Hoo Library. You can also leave a message of condolence online on [The Royal Family's Website](https://www.royal.gov.uk).

School re-opens on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, when full attendance is expected.

Many thanks

Mrs F May  
Headteacher



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