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Dear Parent/Guardian

As you will all be aware the Queen passed away yesterday. As a school we will be marking her death with an extended tutor time activity this morning which will give the students the chance to understand her life and reflect on her contribution to our society. I am also meeting with representatives of the student body later today to discuss what the students feel would be an appropriate commemoration of the passing of the Queen.

The Department for Education messaged all schools yesterday evening that we will remain open throughout the period of National Mourning, although we are awaiting further instructions for the actual day of the funeral.

In addition, I enclose guidance from the DFE on discussing the matter of the Queen's death at home along with some websites that could provide additional material and support if it is needed.

The Queen is one of our most devoted and longest serving monarchs and, in the event of her death, will be discussed at great length in schools. This may impact your child more than you realise. If this turns out to be the case and you need more support on how to talk about and deal with this try the below resources:

- The Good Grief Trust – thegoodgrieftrust.org
- Winston's Wish – Free National helpline on 08088 020 021 – winstonswish.org
- Grief Encounter – Free helpline: 0808 802 0111 – griefencounter.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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