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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

Birklands Primary School, part of Nova Education Trust, will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned.

We will observe the national holiday scheduled on Monday 19 September for Her Majesty's funeral, which means the school will be closed that day, but outside of this, school hours will continue as normal.

Our school will be keeping pupils informed of news about these events as part of assemblies and class activities. If you think your child may be experiencing particular upset due to the passing of the Queen, please do let us know so we can provide additional support if needed.

It is expected that there will be significant disruption across the UK, particularly in London, during this period, therefore we will endeavour to keep you up to date should there be any further changes.

Should there be anything further we can support you with, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs V. Farr Head Teacher

