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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will have been watching events following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last week. A 'period of national mourning' is underway and will continue until the end of Monday 19th September.

We have spent time in assembly reflecting on what it means when someone dies, what grief is, and understanding that different people can experience loss in different ways. We have talked about how it is important to be especially sensitive to other people's feelings at this time.

Schools are expected to stay open as usual during this period of mourning and children are expected to attend school as normal. Unfortunately, I am therefore not able to authorise any absence for children to attend events related to the national period of mourning and parents/carers should make any such arrangements out of school hours.

However, as I am sure you are aware, Her Majesty's state funeral will be on Monday 19th September, and this has also been declared a bank holiday. In line with guidance on bank holidays, all schools will be closing on this day and attendance at school is therefore not expected for this day.

You may like to know that Hertfordshire County Council have opened a book of condolence at County Hall and in libraries across the County, which you may want to visit to make a contribution. There is also [an online book of condolence](#).

Please let the class teacher know if your child is struggling in any way during this period of national mourning and we will keep a close eye on them.

With kindness

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