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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II the Department for Education has confirmed that schools should close on the day of her funeral. With respect, all Trust schools will be **CLOSED** on **19th September 2022** but will remain open, as normal, during the period of mourning.

As the longest serving monarch and the head of the Church of England, we wholly appreciate that the impact on some of you will be significant. However, we also respect those who do not support a national monarchy or who do not have strong religious beliefs.

As a Church of England Academy Trust, we believe that it is appropriate to recognise the enormous impact that Queen Elizabeth II has had on both our country and the Church of England. The passing of our much-loved and widely admired former monarch will, I know, affect some of you during this period of mourning.

Our support, compassion and thoughts are with those who are impacted by the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. As first and foremost a mother and grandmother, our blessings are with the Royal Family at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Winn

**Chief Executive Officer**