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Dear Thomas Fairchild Families,

Re: Her Majesty the Queen

Yesterday evening we learnt of the very sad news that Her Majesty the Queen has passed away. The death of Queen Elizabeth will have upset many people within our community and signifies the end of an era. I am writing to inform you of the arrangements for schools shared by the Department for Education (DfE).

The country is now in a period of national mourning that will continue until the end of the State Funeral. Schools have been advised to remain open during this period and normal attendance of pupils is expected. Once details of the funeral are confirmed by the Royal Household, the DfE will write to schools with further guidance and this information will be shared with you.

In order to support the pupils at this very sad time, our staff will be provided with information and resources. We will hold an assembly today to commemorate the Queen and give children the opportunity to celebrate her life and her extraordinary reign in their classes. For 70 years the Queen has been a strong and stable figure in our lives and earned huge respect and admiration around the world.

The DfE has suggested that if your child is upset, a good source of information to support them can be found on the [MindEd for Families](#) website. We have also been advised that the Royal Palace's website www.royal.uk is a good source for further information about the mourning period. We will keep you informed of any updates we receive.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MTrahair".

Matt Trahair
Headteacher