



12th September 2022

Guidance during the Mourning Period:

Dear Families,

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Her Majesty the Queen on Thursday 8th September. We join with the rest of the nation in mourning the loss of our monarch who served us with warmth and kindness for more than seventy years. On Friday, we held a special assembly with the children to share in our remembrance of the Queen and explain what happens during the mourning period.

As a mark of respect, we have been issued with guidance and protocols for all schools within our Trust to follow during this time.

This will include, pausing all social media content from our academy accounts until after the Queen's funeral. If we need to share urgent messages this will be done via Parent Mail. Seesaw or Tapestry will still be used to communicate with you.

All activities should respect the mourning period of 10 days. Some events may require postponement to after the mourning period out of respect. This will involve any events that require social gatherings – e.g. Sports Days, Coffee Mornings, Parental assembly/gatherings and after school Multi-sports clubs.

Therefore, with this guidance in mind, **we have postponed our Sports Day to Friday 23rd September**. All arrangements and timings previously shared will be followed, just a week later, this includes sandwich options that have been selected- please continue to complete this form.

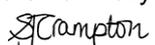
Please note whilst EYFS won't be joining Sports Day this time, they will be having the picnic lunch but we will do this inside, with our EYFS staff, for safety during their settling in period.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but hope you understand the reasons why we must follow these protocols during the mourning period to show our respect.

After 10 days, all communications will resume as normal.

The academy will be closed on the day of the funeral, Monday 19th September, as this is now a bank holiday.

Yours Faithfully

 Mrs Sarah Crampton (Principal)