



Star

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is with great sadness that I write to you following the announcement of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our deepest sympathies and condolences are with the Royal Family at this incredibly sad time.

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was hugely respected and adored for her unfailing duty, sincerity and optimism. She was unlike any other monarch in our history and earned the widest respect not only in the UK but across the world. As the nation's longest reigning monarch, she will be remembered in years to come for advocating a strong sense of community. She was steadfast and wise, devoted to putting duty first and embodying the best of qualities. Her Majesty's dedication to the UK and the Commonwealth is unparalleled and we thank her for her selfless and inspirational service.

Earlier this year, Star schools commemorated Her Majesty's 70-year reign during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations: it was heart-warming to see so many of our pupils, staff and community members sharing happy moments. During this sombre time, I hope you will take comfort from reflecting on the fond memories that were made in the Queen's honour.

The Star family will now observe the national period of mourning. During this time, we will continue to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless you are otherwise informed, please assume that the school's scheduled activities and events will continue as planned. Your child's school will advise you if any changes are needed.

All of our schools will observe the national holiday which will take place on the day of Her Majesty's funeral. Our schools will be closed on the day of the funeral. Outside of this, school hours will continue as normal unless you are advised otherwise by your child's school.

During this period of national grief, the wellbeing of our pupils remains our priority and we will support them as necessary. Over the coming days and weeks, we will pay our respects to Her Majesty in school through assemblies and class activities. Pupils will be kept informed about any national and school events and, where appropriate, will participate in any national commemorative activities. If your child is particularly affected by Her Majesty's passing or if you are unsure of how to answer any questions your child may have, please speak to their school so we can provide you and them with any support required.

It is expected that there will be significant disruption across the UK, particularly in London, throughout the national period of mourning. Our schools, especially those in the London area, will endeavour to keep parents and pupils up to date should there be any impact on their usual operations.

During this time of national grief, I encourage you all to come together and support each other. The Star family's thoughts and prayers are with His Majesty King Charles III and the Royal Family.

Yours sincerely,

Sir (Mufti) Hamid Patel CBE
Chief Executive