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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you following the sad news on Thursday last week of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Last Friday, 9th September 2022, our children and staff held a one-minute silence in our assembly to reflect upon the Queen's 70 years of unwavering dedication and service to the Realm.

Following decisions made over the weekend, you will be aware that the official date of the State Funeral for Her Majesty will be Monday 19 September and that this will be a national Bank Holiday. School will be closed to all children and staff on this date, in accordance with the government guidance.

The Department for Education's guidelines have reinforced that normal attendance is expected throughout the National Mourning period, other than the Bank Holiday on 19th September. Whilst we acknowledge that some families may wish to pay their respects during the Lying-in-State of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, unfortunately, in accordance with guidelines from Dorset Council, we are unable to authorise any absence requests for this purpose during this period.

With warmest regards,

Dr Deborah Craddock

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