

# Castleman Academy Trust

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Dear All,

Following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen, we will be limiting communications throughout the period of national mourning, although we will continue to provide you with urgent updates as appropriate.

The funeral of the Queen has been announced to take place on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September. We have been instructed by the Department for Education to close on that day as a mark of respect. Therefore, school will not be open that day.

The media coverage of the event is understandably significant. We are talking with your children in school to help them understand what the event means and what happens nationally in response to Queen Elizabeth's passing.

Whilst few of us have been close to the Queen or the Royal Family, we can sympathise with the loss of a loved one. Feelings of grief can resurface for us all. We will continue to support the children where they may be feeling worried, frightened or confused. In acknowledging and normalising their experiences and reactions, the adults will help them to restore feelings of safety and security. Should you feel your child may need extra support at this time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher/tutor.

The adults in school - parents and staff - will also be processing this event. As adults, sensitively and sensibly sharing our thinking and feelings will help children feel comfortable to talk about their own thoughts and emotions. We can all help each other at a time like this and in doing so, will ensure our children feel safe and secure.

In closing, all at Castleman Academy Trust send their heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family on the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II. We are all profoundly grateful for her extraordinary service and dedication.

Yours sincerely

Rhonda Moore  
Chief Executive Officer



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Middle School

