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ROYAL ALEXANDRA & ALBERT SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

It is with deep sadness that I write to you for the first time on the occasion of the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. As the nation mourns, this event has a particular resonance for our community given that the Queen was the Patron of the Royal Alexandra and Albert School. As such, I am writing to let you know about our early plans in response to her death.

As soon as we received the news last night, the school flag was replaced with the Union Flag flying at half-mast. Today's planned assemblies were cancelled and will be replaced by special assemblies that will be led by me and our chaplain next week. My senior team and I met this morning to look at the days and weeks ahead and ensure that our response is timely and appropriate. We also wanted to ensure that we were being especially mindful of students and colleagues who have been particularly affected by this news.

David Frank, Chairman of the Board of Management, has written to the Principal Private Secretary to His Majesty the King in order to pass on deepest and sincere condolences from our community.

We took the decision to postpone this weekend's trips and the Party in the Park. However, after discussion with several parties, including representatives from the Board of Management and the Governing Body, we have agreed not to cancel tomorrow's sporting fixtures. This is because the government has made it clear that schools are expected to remain open. Instead, we will use the opportunity to pay our respects to Her Majesty and reflect on her patronage by holding a minute's silence before the matches begin.

I will, of course, write to you with further details of our response as events develop and national plans are confirmed. In the meantime, our thoughts are very much with the Royal Family as they mourn their loss.

Yours sincerely,

M. P. Thomas
Headteacher