

St Matthew Academy

St Joseph's Vale, Blackheath, London SE3 0XX

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Dear Parents and Carers

On behalf of the staff and governors at St Matthew Academy I would like to express our deepest sympathies for the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her dedication to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to her other realms and territories is unparalleled and we thank her for her service.

St Matthew Academy will observe the mourning period whilst continuing to support our pupils, families and staff. Unless otherwise stated, please assume any scheduled activities and events we have scheduled will continue as planned.

We will observe the national holiday scheduled on Monday 19 September for Her Majesty's funeral, which means school will be closed that day, but outside of this, school hours will continue as normal.

Staff here at the Academy will be keeping our pupils informed of news about these events as part of assemblies and class activities. If you think your child may be experiencing particular upset due to the passing of the Queen, please do let us know so we can provide additional support if needed.

It is expected that there will be significant disruption across the UK, particularly in London, during this period, therefore we will endeavour to keep you up to date should there be any further changes.

If you feel there is anything we can further we can support your child with, please don't hesitate to reach out.

As always I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours faithfully

Ms M Baldwin

Headteacher