

LINK ACADEMY TRUST

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Monday 12th September 2022
Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Funeral of the Her Majesty the Queen

As I am sure you agree, the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen last week was a significant moment for all of us.

I would like to reassure you that all schools within the Link Academy Trust were supported to ensure our children and families were able to consider the situation with care and sympathy. We all used age-appropriate materials and information to mark the beginning of this national period of mourning in order to help pupils understand the significance of the Queen's death. There have been assemblies, visits to the church, discussions and celebrations of the Queens life to help our pupils comprehend the National position. As always each of our schools will continue to adopt their own approach over this period to ensure their pupils are able to ask questions and develop an understanding of what has taken place and what the future will bring in a safe and caring environment.

Pupils have reflected on the lessons we can learn from the Queens life, particularly over 70 years of service to our nation.

Following the announced date of the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II **the Link Academy Trust will be closed on 19th September 2022 for one day.**

Every academy will be open as usual over the next week through the national mourning period.

We understand that during this period of mourning some of our pupils may experience their own sense of loss and grief, both for the Queen and for people close to them that are no longer with us. If you believe your daughter or son may need some additional support at this time please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the Academy Head.

With kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicky Dunford'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicky Dunford, CEO, The Link Academy Trust.