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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to confirm that DSTC will be closed on Monday 19 September 2022.

This day has been announced as a bank holiday for the state funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We are all deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty, who for over seventy years dedicated her life to the service of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We thank her for her service and dedication and offer our deepest condolences to the Royal Family.

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know how we as a school are responding to the news of her passing, and how you can pay tribute. Our assemblies and ICE lessons this week will focus on the changes that have occurred during the extraordinary life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the succession of King Charles III. In addition, we will be organising a fundraising account, to raise money to purchase a commemorative bench in memory of Her Majesty, details of how to contribute to this, should you wish to do so, will be shared in due course.

I also wanted to add a gentle reminder that during this period of national mourning, which ends after Her Majesty's funeral, we will expect your child to attend school as normal (other than on the bank holiday on Monday 19 September 2022). If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please follow our normal procedures for notifying us of their absence

We know that many of you will want to pay tribute and offer your condolences to the Royal Family at this time. You can leave your tributes to Her Majesty the Queen by signing the book of condolence on [the website of The Royal Household](#). Or by scanning the QR code below :



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If you are unable to access the online book of condolence, you are welcome to sign the book of condolence at County Hall in Maidstone, which is open every day between 9am and 5pm or send your tribute (including your address and telephone number) in writing to The Civic Office, Sessions House, County Road, Maidstone ME14 1XQ. If your child/ren are upset, [Minded](#) is a source of information to support children and young people to manage death and loss. You can also visit the Palace's website for more information about the mourning period: www.royal.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Davis".

Mrs Anne Davis
Principal



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