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Re: School will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

National Mourning Period

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has begun and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection. You can also visit the Palace's website for more information about the mourning period: www.royal.uk.

Bank Holiday - 19/9/22

It has been announced that Monday 19 September will be a national bank holiday to enable everyone to watch Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral and to mark our respect for her passing. As such, settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday have been advised to close on this day as a mark of respect - Park Primary and Little Park Nursery will be closed.

Coping with grief:

The very sad news will potentially bring thoughts and perhaps conversations about death, dying, grief, mourning and loss, into the everyday lives of all of our children. Over the past few years, many of us have had personal loss and Her Majesty's loss may well provoke a reminder. It is therefore necessary that, within our community, we find ways to gently open honest conversations to help us to understand what they are thinking, how they are feeling and how they are navigating this sad time which may be evocative.

If children and young people are upset, <u>Minded</u> is a source of information to support them to manage death and loss and please do not forget that we are always here should you wish to talk things through.

Kind regards,

Natasha Ttoffali





