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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with great sadness that all of us here at Range High School heard the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen yesterday. It is difficult to accept the passing of such a permanent aspect of our national life after seventy years of duty, care, commitment and dedication.

This news will be greeted in different ways across different families across our community and in the wider country. As we look to our own community here at school, staff, trustees and our students will reflect on this in a range of different ways and we will aim to respect everyone's views and opinions, in a respectful and caring way.

School will continue as normal, everyone is expected to be here and lessons will be conducted as per the normal timetable but staff will no doubt be discussing the impact of monarchy and the second Elizabethan age within the context of their subjects in the coming days. Our assemblies next week will be reflective of the life and legacy of the late Queen giving the students the opportunity to reflect on her immeasurable contribution to the country over so many years. We will also mark this moment with a two minute silence at an appropriate time as well as opening a Book of Condolence giving everyone here at Range High School an opportunity to leave a thought or prayer should they wish to do so. We will then hold the book in our school archive giving future generations of Range students and teachers the opportunity to look back and see some of our thoughts at this sad time.

I await any further guidance from the Department of Education on what will happen on the day of the Queen's funeral and will be in touch when I know more. I have also received information this morning from Sefton LA indicating that Books of Condolence will be opened in The Atkinson Theatre, Southport and Bootle Town Hall for members of the public. You can find further information on their website.

I wish all of you well at this sad time in our country's history and I am sure you will all join me in sending our deepest condolences to the Royal family from all of us here in our school community. It's worth considering that they have lost a much loved mother and grandmother as well as a much cherished and respected Head of State.

With best wishes,

Mike McGarry

Headteacher