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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace of the death of our sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of National Mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection in response to the death of the Sovereign. During this period of National Mourning, we will continue to honour and celebrate the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II through assemblies and form time activities.

The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on the same day as a mark of respect. We have received confirmation from the Department for Education that this will include schools and colleges and as a result, the academy will be closed to all staff and pupils on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

For those in the community wishing to mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a book of condolence is available in Wakefield Cathedral and Castleford library from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 9am-5pm. Floral tributes can also be laid at Wakefield Cathedral or at the cenotaph on Powell Street in Castleford. The Academy Trust will represent our staff and pupils both with a floral tribute and through signing the book of condolence.

The academy will reopen as normal on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Yours faithfully,

Wesley Bush  
Headteacher

