



# Ark John Keats Academy

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Families,

The news of the death of the Queen last week was a time of great sadness and reflection for all of us. We know many of you and your children will be finding this period of change challenging. You can read below the ways we have celebrated and will continue to celebrate the Queen's extraordinary reign with our pupils.

In line with Department for Education guidance, our school will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the day of the Queen's funeral. Our academy will remain open for all other days of national mourning.

## **Primary**

Every child in primary was informed of the sad news on Friday. This week, age-appropriate year group assemblies will be devoted to explaining the Queen's role, sharing her achievements, and explaining what her passing means for the future of the British monarchy. In class, pupils will take part in a reflection task based on the assembly to celebrate the life and service of the Queen. We will also hold a minute's silence as a school to pay our respects.

## **Secondary**

In the secondary phase, pupils were led through a tutor time reflection and activity last Friday. This week, we will be reflecting on the Queen's life and service in our morning assemblies with each year group. Students will deepen their understanding of Her Majesty's impact on the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth, and the wider world in their character lessons this week, as well as looking ahead to events in the coming weeks and months as we celebrate the ascension of King Charles III to the throne.

Lastly, if you feel your child needs more support in school around this event, please contact your child's teacher or form tutor in the first instance.

Kindest regards,

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Principal

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