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Dear parent/carer,

Last week, we all received the sad news of the passing of our dear and wonderful Queen Elizabeth II.

We are sure that many of you will have been following the events of the past few days as the nation, Commonwealth, and world prepare to say goodbye to a truly remarkable lady who has impacted upon – and been a constant within - all of our lives.

Over the weekend, it was announced that the funeral of Queen Elizabeth will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and it was announced by King Charles III that this day will be a Bank Holiday.

As a mark of respect for our much-loved Queen, all of the schools within The Moorlands Primary Federation will be closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This will enable families of pupils and staff alike to be together and watch the historic, yet sad event of the funeral of a reigning monarch. An event many of us will never have seen before in our lifetime.

Within our Trust which contains five faith schools, we also mourn the loss of the Head of the Church of England and the Defender of the Faith.

Last week, each school remembered The Queen, and will continue to do so with the children. Our websites also reflect this sad loss.

Preparing to say goodbye, it has been warming to hear so many stories of the extraordinary work of The Queen during the 70 years of her reign, and to hear of her sense of humour, humility and care. The service which she has given to us, as Queen, has never been equalled in our nation and may never be repeated.

Although we welcome King Charles III to the throne, and many of us would have seen the proclamation of his accession on TV, or even in local cities or towns this weekend, we continue to remember The Queen in this period of national mourning.

As a Trust, we continue to send the love, thoughts and prayers to King Charles III and his family at this time of such sadness.

## God Bless The Queen

