

Monday 12th September, 2022

Dear Staff, Parents and Carers,

We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

She will always be remembered for her 70 years of dedicated service to our country, alongside being a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. A true inspiration, our thoughts are with The Royal Family at this very sad time.

During this period of mourning our schools have been paying their respects to Her Majesty and delivering special assemblies to mark the historic occasion.

The official date of the State Funeral is **Monday 19th September 2022. This day will be a bank holiday** and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close as a mark of respect. After receiving guidance from the Department of Education, **I can now confirm that all of our schools and nurseries will be closed on this date.**

We have also shared with all our schools, information about talking to children who may be affected by any of these events. If you have been affected as a family or would like some further advice, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards



Gary Evans
Chief Executive Officer
The Blue Kite Trust

Abbey Meads Additional Note

The Year 6 Trip for Sherwood and Tollymore to Isle of Wight, is still planned to take place 19-22 September. We will take opportunities to pay our respects on the day, but staff are willing to work that day and the hotel will still be expecting us.

We are still waiting to hear which facilities are available and when, whilst exploring all possibilities of itinerary changes to make sure the trip continues as planned on 19th September 2022.