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Dear Parents and Carers

School closure for the state funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth

I hope that you and your families are well. As we mourn the passing of our queen as a nation, I am writing to confirm that your child's/children's school will be closed on Monday 19 September. This is in accordance with the advice from the Department for Education, and is both a mark of respect for the passing of Her Majesty, and to give families the opportunity to witness the historic state funeral on television.

In that regard, I share with you the words of a prayer we used across the CMAT on Friday morning –

Heavenly Father

We thank you for the immense blessing of our Queen. We thank you for her service and her wonderful example. We ask you to welcome her to her heavenly home and to reward the immense faith she always had in you. We pray for her family; be with them in their pain and their loss. May they feel your tender compassion. We pray for our world; may those in power reflect the same qualities and values shown by Queen Elizabeth, never forgetting their responsibilities as servants of the communities they lead.

Finally we pray for the repose of Queen Elizabeth's soul as we say:

Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord. Let perpetual Light shine on her. May she rest in peace.

Amen.

With best wishes,



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Chief Executive Officer

