

# ST. LUKE'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you of the school's response to the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

As a school community and as a Church of England school, we join with the nation and commonwealth in mourning the passing of the Queen. We will be helping the children to make sense of what has happened and why it is such a significant and sad event in the life and history of our nation. Over the coming days, we will be reassuring them in this time of uncertainty and helping them reflect in a respectful and reverential way.

A Collective Worship reflecting and celebrating the Queen's life was shared with all pupils and staff this morning. This included a minute's silence and a prayer for the Queen, her family and the nation. Pupils were given time to reflect and ask questions during the Worship and in their classes. Over the coming days we will continue to reflect on the Queen's life of dedicated Christian service. In addition, the school Pastoral Care Worker is available for pupils and staff should they need some support or some time for reflection and quiet.

We will also be opening a Book of Condolence for pupils, staff, parents and visitors. This will be in the reception area of school from Monday and parents are welcome to sign it.

As you will be aware, there will now be a period of national mourning until the day of the Queen's funeral. We are awaiting guidance from the government for schools regarding the day of the funeral and I will communicate any changes to you as soon as we receive official confirmation. As I write, we do not know this information.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Yours faithfully,

*S Hardaker*

Mr S Hardaker  
Headteacher



