



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Executive Head: Mrs Clare Tickel

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Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the very sad news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the Department for Education has written to schools to confirm that we have entered a period of national mourning which will continue until the State Funeral.

Our school will remain open as normal, maintaining normal routines and offering support where it is needed.

Queen Elizabeth featured so much within our curriculum over the past few years - we have celebrated many of her family's events, weddings, funerals and most recently her Platinum Jubilee. We all agree that she embodied our school values of humility, integrity, compassion and justice. Cardinal Nichols describes Queen Elizabeth as 'a shining legacy and testament to her faith.' Pope Francis praises 'her life of unstinting service'. She led our country with dignity, faith, hope and love. She has served us well and tried her best – all virtues we aspire to.

Our immediate response to the sad news has been to listen to the children and allow them to express their thoughts and feelings, to have prayer and a moment of silence as a mark of our respect.

Over the coming days and weeks we will work together to remember and mark this significant event in a special way with our school community. May she rest in peace.

Kind regards,

Clare Tickel
Executive Headteacher