

9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that by now you are aware of the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Our thoughts and prayers go to the Royal Family and everyone in our community as we process this news.

The Church of England have produced a prayer which I would like to share with you:

Gracious God, we give thanks

for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth, for her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

As a school we have an important role to play in reassuring and supporting our students at times of sadness, particularly when caused by significant national and global events. Staff at St Aidan's will be available to support our school community during the coming days. Our students will be offered the opportunity to reflect on the life and significance of Her Majesty the Queen in assembly and during tutor periods.

Current government advice is that schools should remain open as usual. We will keep you updated during the period of national mourning.

Kind regards

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