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Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together.

12th September 2022

Dear Parents, Children, Staff and Parishioners,



Everyone at Saint Thomas More is greatly saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her tireless service to our country – from her early days as a dutiful young monarch to her later years as one of the world's longest and most eminent serving heads of state – makes her a source of admiration in all our schools. We would like to express our sincere condolences; our thoughts are with her family at this difficult time.

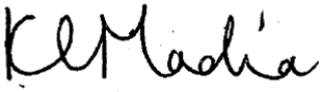
There will be a ten-day period of national mourning, and as you would expect, our school will participate appropriately in aspects of these. School will be open as usual during this time. As is fitting with a period of national mourning, our school will limit communication, including on social media platforms, to essential information only. Our staff will be providing support to our children and to each other at this sad time.

Special assemblies and class prayer times will focus on helping everyone understand this unprecedented time in our nation's history and, during this time of mourning and beyond, regular time will be dedicated throughout the school day to support our family as we all come to terms with such sad news.

As a 14-year-old princess, Queen Elizabeth II addressed the children of the Commonwealth saying, "And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place." I hope that we can all find some comfort in these words.

School will close to all year groups (Reception to Year 6) on Monday 19th September for the whole day as this has been confirmed as a national Bank Holiday for our nation.

Sincerely,



K Madia
Principal