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Dear Parents/ Carers,

After such a positive start to the new academic year, it is with the utmost sadness, that my first communication is to write to you to join the nation in mourning the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, our longest-reigning monarch.

We appreciate that this news will affect many of our school community, you, our staff and our students deeply. This morning we held a short commemorative assembly followed by a minute's silence to mark her passing. We focused on our core value of respect but reminded students of the need to be kind to themselves and each other. We have encouraged the students to talk to us if they feel that they need support, death can trigger a range of emotional responses based on individual circumstances. Should this be the case, please reach out to your child's Academic Mentor in the first instance or the Year Progress Leader. Can I also remind existing parents, and inform our new parents, that their children can contact us through our iamnotok@rodingvalley.net

As a school, we are on hand to offer support in whichever way we can, we will be adapting our Personal Development Programme during the official period of mourning. There will be special assemblies and lessons to reflect on the reign of our great Queen. We will follow the guidance from Essex Education and the Department of Education regarding the arrangements for the state funeral but this has not yet been made available to schools.

Essex County Council has issued a formal statement alongside a history of the Queen in Essex, which is a touching tribute that we will share with the students, however, it may aid further discussions at home.

Kindest regards at this sad time,

