

# King Edwin Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning children in Years 1 to 6 attended a special assembly following the sad news regarding the death of Queen Elizabeth yesterday afternoon. As anticipated, the children were deeply respectful and during the gathering the children demonstrated an excellent understanding of our British Values.

During the assembly we explored the life of Queen Elizabeth. Again, the children were extremely respectful as they observed this short period of time of reflection.

As a school, in line with the national period of mourning, we will be celebrating the life of Queen Elizabeth in the coming days. We will be supporting the children by reflecting on recent events and we will help our children to understand what is happening around them.

At King Edwin Primary School, we are passionate about the strength of our pupil voice and as such we will be led by the questions, thoughts and feelings that our KingEdwinners express. It is important to note that we will not be changing our curriculum plans nor shall we be making changes to the overall teaching and learning experiences of our children. We will simply adapt slightly and allow children time to question, explore and reflect upon this period of time.

For many children and families, the death of Queen Elizabeth will be a prominent discussion in the household and for others, this may not be so. We respect all of our King Edwin family beliefs and values and simply offer our support if parents require any advice regarding how to manage discussions with the children.

Today at 4.30pm, BBC Newsround will be showing a special programme that children may wish to view. As a family this may support and guide any future discussion. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Overall, it is expected that our school will continue with our usual day to day business at the start of this term however, if we are made aware of any changes or national plans in the coming days, we will of course let you know as soon as possible.

Once again, I must reiterate how very proud we are of our KingEdwinners. Yesterday afternoon they were simply brilliant at the Tour of Britain event and this morning, they have been outstanding in their approach to what is for many, a very challenging and difficult subject to discuss.

Kind regards,

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