

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Conway Primary School, and across Create Partnership Trust, we are greatly saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

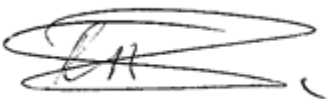
Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace, we are now in a period of national mourning which will continue until the end of the State Funeral on Monday 19th September. This is a period of reflection in response to the death of our Sovereign. Following the announcement that Monday 19th September will be a bank holiday, I am writing to confirm that in line with government guidance, school will be closed to staff and pupils next Monday. There are no other formal requirements that are required of schools, therefore pupils should continue to attend school as normal and wear the normal uniform. School will reopen as usual at 8:30am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September for all pupils.

For the vast majority of us, the Queen has been the only monarch we have ever known and throughout our lives has been a unifying influence on the country. In school we will celebrate Her Majesty's remarkable contribution throughout her lifetime through assemblies and sharing news stories with a focus on our school values of Ambition, Resilience & Respect. Pupils are invited to write or draw about The Queen which we will then add to our book of condolence. If pupils are finding the recent news of the Queen's death difficult and would like support, we would really encourage them to talk about how they are feeling. Our pupils are welcome to speak to a trusted member of staff in school, whether that be their class teacher, a member of the inclusion team or any other member of staff.

I will leave you with a quote that is dear to my heart, which is an appropriate reminder of the importance of service, duty and support of others:

"Over the years, those who have seemed to me to be the most happy, contented and fulfilled have always been the people who have lived the most outgoing and unselfish lives; the kind of people who are generous with their talents or their time."

Warmest Wishes,



Mrs R Eaton