

ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLDWALTHAM

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Closure State Funeral for Queen Elizabeth II – Monday 19th September 2022

I hope that you have had a very pleasant weekend and are looking forward to the coming week.

Further to the letter I sent out on Friday following the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, you will be aware that the official date of the State Funeral for the late Queen has been announced as **Monday 19th September 2022**.

This day will be a bank holiday and settings that are normally closed on a bank holiday should close on this day as a mark of respect. This will include schools and colleges.

Therefore, I am writing to inform you that St. James' CE Primary School **will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022**. Breakfast Club and After-School Clubs will also be closed. We will reopen on Tuesday 20th September as normal.

We would encourage you to watch the State Funeral with your children, not only as a mark of respect to the Queen, but also for the children to gain a sense of significant moments in history. I have been transfixed this weekend with the protocol that is followed on the death of a monarch and the ceremonies that have taken place to proclaim our new King, Charles III. The last State Funeral to take place in the United Kingdom was in 1965 for Sir Winston Churchill; this state funeral will be the first time many of us will have witnessed an occasion such as this. For the children, this is something that they will be able to look back on and realise they were part of history being made.

Once again, I am sure that you join the school in wishing sincere condolences to King Charles III and his family at this time. I will keep you informed of any further updates we have regarding any change to normal school routine should we receive them.

Kindest regards,

L. Martin

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