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Dear parents / carers,

I am pleased to inform you that having recovered from Covid-19, I have returned to Keystone today. I feel very lucky to have experienced a mild form of the virus and am aware that this isn't always true for everyone. I am grateful for my Deputy, Mr Dan Blundred, for stepping in and running the school in my absence – especially so soon after opening!

My main reason for writing to you today, is in response to the sad news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II. As I'm sure you will be aware, a national state of mourning has been declared until after the day of the funeral. For us at Keystone Academy, this means that we will continue to open school and expect everyone to attend as usual throughout this week. We will take opportunities to teach your children about the Queen's life, remembering and reflecting upon her 70 years as our sovereign and considering how significant a time in history this is.

As Monday 19th September, the day of the funeral, has been declared a bank holiday, Keystone Academy will be closed. We will reopen our doors as usual on Tuesday 20th September.

If anybody has any concerns or worries about their child in relation to coping with the news of the Queen's passing, perhaps it brings back memories of past bereavements, please do get in touch. As you may recall, we have a full-time counsellor on site who will be available to offer support, should our children need it.

In the meantime, if you would like to leave messages of condolence, there is an online book of condolence, which is available on the Royal website: <https://www.royal.uk/send-message-condolence>.

Best wishes and kind regards

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