

Deal Parochial Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Kindness, Trust, Friendship, Respect, Courage, Forgiveness

Vision statement

Our School is built on the teachings of the Bible and inspired by The Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love.

Our Christian ethos is upheld by respecting humanity fostered through our community that is welcoming, inclusive and forgiving.

Together we flourish through courageous learning, friendships and generosity.

TO BE THE BEST THAT I CAN BE – THE WAY GOD INTENDS

September 13, 2022

Dear families.

Following Buckingham Palace's announcement informing the nation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's passing, a period of national mourning has begun, and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. During this time, we pause for reflection and remember her devotion to duty and service.

The State Funeral is Monday 19 September 2022. The official advice from the DFE has confirmed this will be a public holiday. Deal Parochial School will close on this day. The guidance states:

"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."

I appreciate that this is very short notice for some people who work in essential key worker roles. I hope that you are able to make safe and satisfactory child care arrangements.

At school, we will continue to share the news and unfolding events with our pupils. We will say prayers and offer opportunities to reflect and talk about their feelings and ask questions.

Kind regards

Justine Brown: Head Teacher

**Gracious God, we give thanks
for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,
for her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
and may her example continue to inspire us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**