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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: PROPOSALS FOR QUEEN'S JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY: FOR CONSULTATION WITH PARENTS.

As you will be aware, the UK will celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch this coming June. The May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June 2022 and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June 2022 will see a four-day weekend to celebrate.

Schools are required to observe the bank holidays and therefore, staff are entitled to an additional bank holiday this year. However, Grace Academy Solihull will already be on our half-term break in the week commencing 30 May.

As this is the case for many schools across the country, the Department for Education (DfE) has introduced regulations to reduce the minimum number of sessions schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021/2022 to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen on 3 June 2022. This legislation reduces the number of days that schools need to be open from 190 (+5 INSET days) to 189 (+5 INSET days). The total school year will therefore be 194 days.

Consequently, Grace Academy Solihull is preparing and making an amendment to our published term dates for the academic year 2021/22.

Grace Academy Solihull is proposing to close for an additional day during this academic year on **Monday 25 July 2022**.

The Governors/Trust shall be pleased to consult with you with a view to reaching agreement regarding the proposed date. Consultation has also commenced with staff and recognised trade unions.

The proposed timescale for dealing with this matter is six weeks. Therefore, we would ask that you send any comment or feedback in relation to our proposed date by **Thursday 17 March 2022**.

We are keen to hear your feedback in relation to the proposed date. Please address any comments or concerns to GAS-Jubilee@graceacademy.org.uk by the above date.

Yours sincerely

Mr Darren Gelder
Principal
Grace Academy Solihull