

12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: State Funeral – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September of the death of our Sovereign, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, a period of national mourning has started and will continue until the end of the State Funeral. This is a period of time for reflection in response to the death of the Monarch and the Cabinet Office has issued guidance to schools with advice on the period of mourning.

The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. This day will be a Bank Holiday and Droylsden Academy will close on this day as a mark of respect. Normal attendance is expected throughout the national mourning period, other than on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September (Bank Holiday).

Books of condolence are being opened across the borough. They can be accessed from the following locations from today until the day after the State Funeral. Please check the building opening times before you visit. If you would prefer to sign the official Buckingham Palace e-book of condolence you may do so at [www.royal.uk](http://www.royal.uk).

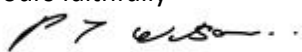
- Ashton: Ashton Library at Tameside One
- Audenshaw: Ryecroft Hall
- Denton Library
- Droylsden Library
- Dukinfield Town Hall
- Hattersley Library
- Hyde Library
- Mossley: George Lawton Hall Library
- Stalybridge Library

For those of you wishing to lay floral tributes, you are welcome to leave them as detailed below. However, please be aware that they will be removed the day after the funeral:

- Dukinfield Town Hall (Outside Front)
- Hyde Town Hall (Outside Front)
- Denton Town Hall (Jubilee Square outside Library)
- Stalybridge Civic Hall (Square in front)
- Tameside One (Outside the Library)

This week there will be opportunities for students to reflect on the historical and cultural significance of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II and the proclamation of the new King, Charles III, and their role within a Constitutional Monarchy, Parliamentary Democracy and our national story.

Yours faithfully



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