



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – State Funeral and Bank Holiday

Following on from the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last Thursday – may she rest in peace - and the subsequent Proclamation of King George III, all schools have been advised that next Monday, 19 September 2022 shall be a Bank Holiday.

I have now received a confirmation from the Department for Education that schools should close on that day.

I therefore write to confirm that Abbot's Lea School will be closed on Monday, 19 September 2022 to all students and staff.

I know you will join me in sending sincere condolences to The Royal Family and, in particular to our new King – King Charles III, who steps into his destined role as our Monarch, whilst grieving the loss of his Mother. Long live The King!

As part of our school approach, we have marked this moment in our national history very briefly last Friday morning during our assemblies. I was proud of our students' ability to show their respect during a moment's silence. Many were in deep shock about the events of the previous evening and I also want to thank the staff who have helped many students make sense of their own and others' emotions.

This Friday, 17 September 2022, during assemblies we will focus on commemorating or late Queen Elizabeth through the lens of our students' reflections. The times of the assemblies will be:

- 9:30-10:00 – KS4 and KS5
- 10:05 – 10:35 – EYFS/KS1 and KS2 (Primary Department)
- 10:40 – 11:10 – KS3

We hope that some of you will be able to join us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher