



## MIDDLEWICH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear families,

I am writing to update you in relation to expectations for student attendance during this period of national mourning following the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. I refer directly to the guidance released by the DfE over the weekend:

'Following the announcement from Buckingham Palace 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 Sovereign.

The official date of the State Funeral is Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022. 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.

Normal attendance at school is expected throughout the mourning period with the exception of the 19th September when school will close. School will reopen on the 20th September with all students expected to attend school punctually, ready to start lessons at 8.40am.

In school, students have had the opportunity to respectfully reflect on the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and to understand the historical importance of this moment and what to expect over the coming days. Our inclusion team have also offered support where needed to students who may be affected by emotions in relation to bereavement.

Kind regards  
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