



# Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**A message from The Department for Education**

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.

[Guidance](#) providing the public, businesses and institutions with advice on the period of National Mourning following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has been issued by the Cabinet Office.

The official date of the State Funeral is **Monday 19th 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.

Merridale Primary School will be **closed on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** to give all children and families an opportunity to observe the bank holiday and watch the State Funeral on television if they wish. School will re-open on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September and all children will be expected to attend as normal.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Towle  
Headteacher