



12^h September 2022

Bank Holiday – 19th September 2022 Book of Condolence

Dear Parent / Carer,

Following the announcement over the weekend that Monday 19th September is the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, the Department for Education (DfE) has announced it is a bank holiday. Schools and further education settings are not expected to remain open on this day and that it should be treated as any normal bank holiday. Therefore, I can confirm that Bowling Green Academy will be **closed** on Monday 19th September 2022.

As you would expect, we are referencing the ongoing historic events in class and in assemblies at school, celebrating the Queen's life and achievements, and supporting any children who are upset by the news.

In addition to all the wonderful artefacts from the school's 140 years, we are adding a Bowling Green Book of Condolence for Queen Elizabeth II. Tonight, all children will take home a condolence slip that you may wish you complete with them by writing a message from your family (or, perhaps, drawing a picture for our younger children). Please could I ask that all children return the condolence slip by **Thursday 15**th **September** so we can share the book in assembly on Friday. During the week, I will also sign the online national book of condolence with some of our older children on behalf of Bowling Green Academy.

Finally, we will be opening our doors to the local community on Wednesday to complete any messages of condolence on **Wednesday 14**th **September** between 4:00pm – 7:00pm.

With best wishes,

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