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To our #teamabbey families,

To mark the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II we wanted to update you on how we are approaching this with your children as a school.

What will my child be learning about the passing of the queen?

Pupils have had and will continue to have a range of learning opportunities about what is happening over the coming days in the lead up to the funeral. This includes:

Assemblies, PHSE lessons and a dedicated English lesson to write about the queen in the genre of their choice. We are hoping to create a book that our families may be able to purchase as a reminder of the Queens life and the impact that she has had.

Has the school got a book of condolence?

Yes, the school has opened a book of condolence in main reception on all sites. If you would like to come and sign this or send in messages of reflection you are more than welcome to do so.

Are the Children in school on the 19th September?

King Charles III has decreed that the **19th September 2022 is a National Bank Holiday**. We have also received confirmation of this from the Department of Education. Children **will not be in school on this day**. This is the case for all sites. Children will return to school on Tuesday 20th September at the normal time on all sites.

Why is twitter not as lively?

As a mark of respect during the mourning period we have taken the decision to use our twitter pages to show tweets that reflect any learning and reflection that pupils are undertaking about the Queen.

Update on Social Media Platforms

Discord is a new social media platform that lots of pupils use. Some families have asked if this is a platform used by school. I can assure you that **it is not**. On this platform there is a section that states "Talk to class mates". This has led to families thinking this is linked to school. Information about Discord can be found here [What is Discord? – What parents need to know | Internet Matters](#)

If you have any further questions or queries please use the school's yellow pages that can be found on the **family handbook section of the school website**.

Can pupils bring water bottles to school?

Of course there are water fountains around school that pupils can use to fill water bottles also. Please can we ask that no glass water bottles are sent into school.

May I once again take the opportunity to thank all of our #teamabbey families for their continued support.

Warm regards

Mr Askham

