

DBE Update

2022

Being deeply Christian and for the common good,
our schools will be communities which are:

LOVING
in relationships

AMBITIOUS
in aspirations

BOLD
in actions

Operation London Bridge

Based on previous protocol, when Queen Elizabeth II dies, there will be a 12 day period of mourning.

In preparation for such an inevitable event, it might be advisable to have the following resources ready:

- Black armbands for staff or agreed dress code
- Photograph of Queen Elizabeth II to put into your Reception area
- Black photo frame in which to put 'spontaneous expression of grief' – wording agreed prior to event!
- Books of condolence (loose leaf in order to easily remove inappropriate comments)
- Collective worship materials for impromptu reflection / demonstration of respect
- New words for the National Anthem
(Prince Charles will be automatically be proclaimed king & will address the nation on the evening of her death.)

Prior conversations to be had:

- Web site to host 'spontaneous expression of grief' possibly change back ground colour – a conversation with your provider about a ghost page may be appropriate – **this should not go up before the Palace has announced the death nationally.**
- How will this event be addressed within the curriculum that day?
- All celebration events (such as fairs / plays etc) during that mourning period should be cancelled and rearranged – how and when will this be communicated?
- Many workers will be sent home early – what plans will the school have in place to accommodate this?

- Liaise with key people re: lowering of flags
- How will church and school work together on this?
- The funeral will take place 10 days after the Queen has died and will be a national holiday – what arrangements will the school make for this?
(The coronation of Charles will also be a national holiday at a later date.)
- Pupils to be familiar with Queen Elizabeth II favourite hymns:
 - The Lord's My Shepherd
 - Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven