

**Delayed Office Opening for Employee Training**

*This office will be closed from 8.45 am - 11.00 am on the first Thursday of each month.*

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| Date | 13 September 2022 |

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the sad news of the passing of Her Majesty the Queen, the date of the State Funeral has been confirmed as Monday 19 September 2022. This date will also be a bank holiday to mark the last day of the period of National Mourning. The Scottish Government advises that schools and other settings across Scotland should close on that day as a mark of respect.

Following communication from the Scottish Government we would intend to put the following arrangements in place:

* All schools and local authority ELC settings will be closed on Monday 19 September 2022.
* An exemption to be sought from the Scottish Government to reduce the school teaching year from 190 days to 189 days to accommodate Her Majesty the Queen’s State Funeral Bank Holiday.
* Essential Council services will be maintained on Monday 19 September 2022 to ensure any emergencies in our communities can be responded to.

For the remainder of the mourning period, schools should continue to remain open as normal, with usual expectations of attendance in place.

Yours faithfully

Sharon Johnston

Head of Education & Learning