

London Stock Exchange opens and trading continues as City mourns

The [London Stock Exchange](#) said it will open and trade as normal on Friday following the Queen's death.

It comes as the nation starts a period of mourning to mark the death of its former monarch on Thursday afternoon.

The Exchange confirmed trading will also "close at the normal times" on Friday afternoon.

[Trading](#) will continue at the usual times during the national mourning, which is expected to continue for roughly 12 days.

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The Exchange did say, however, it will close if a public or bank holiday is announced for [England](#) and Wales.

On Thursday, the London Stock Exchange Group said: "We are deeply saddened at the passing of Her Majesty [Queen Elizabeth](#)

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“Our sympathies and condolences are with the royal family.”

Currency trading began strongly on Friday morning, with the pound rising by 0.9% to 1.159 against the dollar, slightly arresting its recent tumble, which saw the UK currency hit 37-year lows on Wednesday.

Most companies are expected to continue operations as normal on Friday morning.

However, historic department store chain [Selfridges](#) said it would shut its doors on Friday as it led business tributes to the Queen.

It said it intends to reopen stores on Saturday with their usual opening hours.