



Bereavement

At any given time up to 70% of schools have a bereaved pupil on their role. One study found that 92% of young people experience a “significant” bereavement before the age of 16. With the right help and support, most of these pupils will not need professional help. What they do need is the understanding of familiar and trusted adults. Schools are well placed to provide this but with some training, the ability to do so will be greatly enhanced - www.childbereavement.org.uk

Websites with information to support schools when a member of staff or pupil dies or are affected by the death of a loved one

Child Bereavement UK

www.childbereavement.org.uk

Child Bereavement UK believes that all families should have access to the support and information they need when a child grieves or when a child dies. Through understanding their grieving process and receiving help in dealing with bereavement from appropriately trained professionals, families can learn to live with their grief and begin rebuilding their lives.

Resources to equip pupils with coping skills for bereavement, now and in later life

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/pages/category/elephants-tea-party>

Childhood Bereavement Network

A national federation of organisations offering support and information to bereaved pupils. Their website includes a section for teachers on how to support pupils after experiencing a death, including some resources available to purchase. www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk

Grief Encounter

<https://www.griefencounter.org.uk/>

Grief Encounter contains support and helpful online resources for bereaved pupils and young people, including dedicated 'kid zones' and 'teen zones'. www.griefencounter.org.uk

Winston's Wish

<https://www.winstonswish.org/>

Support for children and young people after the death of a parent or sibling. Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK. Its website has a dedicated section for schools, providing comprehensive information and resources in supporting bereavement in schools, including reading materials and guidance on how to develop a school bereavement policy. www.winstonswish.org.uk

CRUSE

<https://www.cruse.org.uk>

Cruse Bereavement Care is a national organisation dedicated to offering support to bereavement families, adults and pupils. Their comprehensive website provides detailed information bereavement, downloadable booklets and information leaflets.

There's a section for schools <https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/for-schools>

Also:

<https://www.samaritans.org/>

[https://papyrus-uk.org/-for those affected by suicide](https://papyrus-uk.org/-for-those-affected-by-suicide)

www.rd4u.org.uk