

Information for local child bereavement services

The Childhood Bereavement Network's *Growing in Grief Awareness* programme is a whole-school framework, free to schools across the UK. The programme aims to help schools plan ahead to

- support pupils facing or following the death of someone important in their lives
- prepare pupils to manage loss and bereavement in their lives.

Local child bereavement services can use the framework to encourage schools to take up their training, consultancy and support, and to build partnerships to support bereaved pupils

The framework includes

- a downloadable tool to **audit current practice** in promoting well-being among bereaved students, and developing the curriculum to prepare children to deal with bereavement
- an automatically populated **action plan** tailored to the school's needs.

By working through the programme, schools can demonstrate that they are *Growing in Grief Awareness* and download a logo to show their commitment.

Schools can evidence how they are meeting each of the indicators in many different ways, and at each section they are encouraged to seek support and resources from their local child bereavement service. The framework is intended to underpin and lend weight to your offer of support to schools by situating it in a national framework.

How you can use the framework to promote your service:

When promoting training to schools, you can describe how taking this up your offer will help them evidence how they are *Growing in Grief Awareness* as part of a national framework

When contacted by a school following a death, you can encourage them to work through the *Growing in Grief Awareness* framework with you so that they have a planned response for the future

You can use the *Growing in Grief Awareness* policy summaries to show schools how taking up your offer of support will help them with inspections and other priorities

For more information, visit
<http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/campaigns/growing-in-grief-awareness.aspx>



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