**Supporting Documents and Resources**

Please note that the resources available have been created for all schools to access and are not designed specifically for faith schools. Some of these will need to be adapted and modified.

The **Rainbows** programmes are designed to help children and young people deal with loss, separation and bereavement. For more information and to arrange training please contact Rebecca Brolly (Primary) r.brolly@bdes.org.uk and Richard Smith (Secondary) r.smith@bdes.org.uk .

**When Somebody Dies**

Currently the Rainbows Bereavement GB Resource Centre is closed. However, some of the resources from the pack have been made available on the Rainbows website.

The DES will continue to facilitate this half-day course when we are able to. The full resource pack comes with the course.

 <https://rainbowsgb.org/corona-virus-how-rainbows-can-help/>

 Breaking Sad News

 Sample Memos and Letters and School Website Notices

Sample School Bereavement Policy and Procedures

Attitudes to Death

Memorials and Funeral Services

Draft Leaflet for Parent and Carers

Children with Special Educational Needs

Reactions to Grief: The Grieving Process

Children’s Reactions to Death



**Managing Bereavement: A guide for Schools** Child Bereavement UK

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/education-sector>

**Sudden Bereavement Flow Chart**

Diocese of Southwark [www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/resources/bereavement/](http://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/resources/bereavement/)

**Children’s Understanding of Death**

See page 6 of Managing Bereavement: A guide for Schools [www.childbereavementuk.org/eduction-sector](http://www.childbereavementuk.org/eduction-sector)

See pages 5-7 A Guide to Supporting Grieving Children and Young People in Education (Winston’s Wish)

<https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/support-for-schools/>

When Somebody Dies: Children’s Reactions to Death<https://rainbowsgb.org/corona-virus-how-rainbows-can-help/>

Dealing with Loss Primary/ Dealing with Loss Secondary Diocese of Southwark <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/resources/bereavement/>

**Scripture Quotations and Readings**

Readings for the Commemoration of all the faithful departed (Holy Souls 2 November):

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14 The Lord is my light and my help

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel: Year A: Matthew 11:25-30, Year B: Mark 15:33-39; 16:1-6, Year C: Luke 7:11-17

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**Prayers for those who have died**

The Liturgy Office [www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/OCF/Prayers-Death.pdf](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/OCF/Prayers-Death.pdf)

The Art of Dying Well [www.artofdyingwell.org/what-is-dying-well/a-good-catholic-death/catholic-prayers-dead-dying/](http://www.artofdyingwell.org/what-is-dying-well/a-good-catholic-death/catholic-prayers-dead-dying/)

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**Sample Letters**

Sample Memos and Letters and School Website Notices <https://rainbowsgb.org/corona-virus-how-rainbows-can-help/>

A Strategy for Schools: Positive Responses to Death (Winston’s Wish) p6-7 <https://www.winstonswish.org/supporting-you/support-for-schools/>

**Sample Policies**

We would like to thank the following schools for their kind permission to share their Bereavement Policies:

Holy Trinity Catholic Primary School, Bilston

English Martyr’s Catholic Voluntary Academy, Oakham

**Activities for allowing children to express grief**

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**Cultures and Beliefs**

See Section 8) of Managing Bereavement for some general notes about the traditions and beliefs of other faiths and religions.