

FURTHER INFORMATION & SUPPORT

Children's Grief Awareness Week is run by the Childhood Bereavement Network (part of the National Children's Bureau). Resources for the week include a free Sharing Shapes activity pack for home or school.

Search for: [CBN Sharing Shapes resource page](#)

Cruse Bereavement Support has a helpline (0808 808 1677) and resources for anyone who is grieving. This includes personalised support.

Search for: [Cruse Bereavement Support](#)

Discussing loss and death is especially challenging at the moment in light of world events. The Childhood Bereavement Network has advice on discussing crisis and conflict on their website.

Search for: [Crisis and conflict CBN](#)

The UK Trauma Council has created resources, including a short, animated film entitled Childhood trauma, war and conflict to support young people (aged 12-21) affected by long-term trauma after war and conflict. The film uses storytelling to help inform young people about common physical and emotional responses to trauma and is accompanied by a short, written resource.

The UKTC have also produced two toolkits, Childhood trauma, migration and asylum, for staff and volunteers, working in education or the wider community in the UK with children and young people who have sought refuge and asylum, often as a result of war and conflict.

Search for: [UK Trauma Council](#)

Please Note: If you have any concerns, please speak to your school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

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VotesforSchools also recommends the following books for young people to help them talk about loss and death:

- The Sad Book – Michael Rosen
- The Gritterman – Orlando Weeks
- You Will Be Okay – Julie Stokes
- A Monster Calls – Patrick Ness
- The Girl Who Became a Tree – Joseph Coelho
- We Are Okay – Nina Lacour

Search for: [VotesforSchools So the Story Goes blog](#).

Widowed and Young is a UK charity that offers a peer-to-peer support network for anyone who's lost a partner before their 51st birthday, no matter their circumstances.

Search for: [Widowed and Young](#).

Do you know any cohabiting parents whose partner died after 2001? They could be eligible for financial support.

Following a long campaign, the Government has extended eligibility to bereavement benefits to parents whose cohabiting partner dies, leaving them bringing up dependent children. This change has been backdated to 30th August 2018, which means that some families bereaved as far back as 2001 can claim for retrospective payments.

The window to claim these backpayments closes on 8th February 2024, and more than half of those eligible to claim have not yet done so. There are more than 21,000 families who could benefit from this change - please make sure to spread the word if you can.

Search for: [Child Bereavement Network cohabiting](#).

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