

New resources have been developed to help schools working with bereaved children and young people

With schools set to re-open in the coming months, Church of England education leaders and teachers have recognised that many may be returning grieving and traumatised. The resources – practical and rooted in biblical support – are aimed at supporting schools as they take on the task of helping children and young people dealing with grief, acknowledging loss of opportunity and missed rites of passage.

Following the recent launch of the first resource, *Never the Same, grief and bereavement resource for school leaders*, Katie Fitzsimmons, Director of Education at Truro Diocese (part of the team involved) reflects on her hopes of the resources offering support in challenging times of bereavement.

The coming months, in which we may start to see children and young people returning to school, will see them coming back to the places where they know they are cared for and where they feel safe. This will be our chance to help them as they recover their emotional wellbeing and start to re-adjust to life outside lockdown.

The work is part of a wider initiative called Faith at Home.

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