



Greys Education Centre

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Article 16: *Children have the right to privacy*

Article 19: *Children have the right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body or in mind*
Article 28: *Children have a right to a good quality education*

Article 29: *Children have the right to an education which develops their interests, talents and abilities*

Bereavement Strategy Statement

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Bereavement Strategy

In case of death / bereavement things that should be considered are;

Holding a staff meeting to discuss strategies for dealing with the incident and discuss if any members of staff require additional support from outside agencies.

Provide something at school available to all staff and pupils such as a book of condolence, collection box and an appropriate area to lay flowers where people can show their respects and gather their thoughts.

Pupils may need help in discussing their thoughts this could be done by school staff or if required through an outside agency.

Should the school be closed for the day to allow staff and pupils to attend the funeral and should transport be arranged for pupils who want to attend.

How to manage stress that may be caused by police or media attention this could be that staff are allowed to work from home for a short period or be referred to an outside agency.

A memorial service could be held at the school for anybody who wishes to attend but it should be made clear that if anybody does not wish to attend it will not be looked upon any differently.

Pupils should not be encouraged or discouraged to attend the funeral this should be a decision they make for themselves.

Staff should not put anything on Social Media until it is known that all the family of the deceased have been informed.

Further, more detailed guidance is available from Heads of School in a guidance document written by Wandsworth Council entitled A Bereavement In your School Community.- Do Bedford Borough have additional guidance?