

Loss, Separation and Bereavement

For what age?	At what level?
All school ages including adults	All levels

How can schools help?

- Having an awareness of the wide range of losses experienced by children and young people.
- Understanding the strategies and resources that adults can access to help children cope, including the use of DVD material and websites.
- Having an understanding of how age affects the way children deal with loss
- Having an awareness of the Northamptonshire Child and Adolescent bereavement Service, and other organisations that support children and young people who have experienced a loss or bereavement.

How do we know it works?

We know that these are issues faced by all children and they tell us what they need:

- Adequate and appropriate information
- Kindness and comfort from adults at school
- The opportunity to talk
- Modelled grief behaviours
- Validation of feelings
- Fears and anxieties addressed
- Careful watching and listening

A skilled adult in your school will help enormously.

What do children say?

Some children bullied me saying 'Your Mum is dead...'

It took me a year and a half to get over it as I missed my Dad.

It was the worst part of my life – every day could be our last. (Domestic violence)

How can I access training?

To access centralised training, including at the TaMHS Conference if appropriate, please visit:

- [LGSS I Learn booking website](#)

Training at your school, or within clusters, for your staff can be commissioned from the Educational Psychology Service by contacting the TaMHS Administrator:

tamhs@childrenfirstnorthamptonshire.co.uk or by speaking to your Link Educational Psychologist

What do delegates say about this training?

A good opportunity to reflect on my own practise – great websites highlighted.

Thanks for lending me the DVD. This course and the DVD enabled me to provide some training for all our staff. Some fantastic resources.

Great training, I found it very useful. I'm off to order resources.