## **Dealing with bereavement and loss**

Schools are preparing to support children and families through this difficult time where by it is estimated that 1 person in each class will be affected by the virus. Please know that as a school we are here to help with support and give information if and when your family may need it. Please find below some useful websites and contact details of sources of support.

## **Bereavement and Loss**

Tips Pleas

Please let us know at school if you have been affected so that we can offer help and support to you and your family.

The bereavement leads at our school are:

Miss De Filippis head@puttenham.surrey.sch.uk
Mrs Dynan support@puttenham.surrey.sch.uk

We also have Mrs Shaw our ELSA who has valuable knowledge and strategies to support children with their emotions.

Resources

Winston's wish https://www.winstonswish.org/

Cruse <a href="https://www.cruse.org.uk/">https://www.cruse.org.uk/</a>

Child beravement.uk <a href="https://www.childbereavementuk.org/">https://www.childbereavementuk.org/</a>

Childhood bereavement network:

http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/help-around-a-death/covid-19.aspx

Young minds <a href="https://youngminds.org.uk/">https://youngminds.org.uk/</a>

Jigsaw <a href="https://www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk/">https://www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk/</a>

Stories to share with children about the loss of a loved one:

Badger's Parting Gifts by Susan Varley

The Heart and the Bottle by Oliver Jeffers

Where Are You Now? By Tyler Clark Burke

Create a 'My memory booklet' together. It could be done over several sessions perhaps once a week, recalling fond memories; these can be recorded in pictures, drawings or writing. It is important for the child to know they can come and talk to you whenever they want to.

