

Critical Incidents and Bereavement: What schools can do to support children and young people

**Tuesday 10th November 2015
9.00am-4.30pm
Green Britain Centre, Swaffham**



Aim and content of the conference

This conference aims to give schools the knowledge and confidence to implement good practice in their schools, supporting bereaved children and young people.

We are delighted to have the following keynote speakers, Nicola Furneaux, Headteacher at Framingham Earl High School, who supported her school community following the sudden death of one of her students; Dr Bianca Finger-Berry, Critical Incident Lead Officer, who will share the learning from her research with young people following her research project: The death of a school friend – how children cope and what helps, and Dr Katie Koehler, Child Bereavement UK, who will talk about supporting bereaved children with special needs. We will also hear about good practice when teaching about death and bereavement in the curriculum, and discuss the importance of fostering resilience in children and young people. We will be launching our sample bereavement policy, which schools can adapt to make it their own.

This conference will also provide a unique opportunity to hear from a young person, who will talk about school support and their own bereavement journey.

The programme will include the following workshops:

1. Creative ways to help bereaved children
2. Supporting children with terminal illness in the family
3. Supporting bereaved children with special needs
4. Managing a suicide within the school community
5. Critical Incidents and Business Continuity – preparing for emergencies
6. Supporting children with difficult feelings like anger, guilt and depression
7. Young children and death and bereavement

The conference is aimed at school staff, in particular staff in senior leadership roles. It complements our other training for school staff - supporting bereaved children in school communities, as well as our leadership training: managing critical incidents in school communities.

Booking

This conference is available at a reduced price of £40 per delegate (up to two places) for all Norfolk LA schools and those academies and independent schools which subscribe to the Critical Incident Service. The fee for all other delegates will be £120. Please email bianca.finger-berry@norfolk.gov.uk, or telephone 01263 739064, to book a place.