Grief Matters for Children Petition

Childhood Bereavement Network

We, the undersigned, believe that the death of someone close brings change and challenge into the life of a young person, and can be devastating. Around 1 in 25 children and young people currently of school age have experienced the death of a parent, brother or sister, and many more are affected by the death of someone else close. Some receive excellent support, but others struggle to find the help they want and need.

We want all bereaved children, young people and their families to have access to support - wherever they live and however they've been bereaved. We want

- **a duty** to be placed on all children's services authorities to demonstrate how they meet bereaved children's needs
- **training** on bereavement in childhood to become part of standard training for teachers, with courses made available to existing school staff
- **responsibility** for bereavement issues to be taken by a senior manager in every school and early years setting
- **information** on bereavement and sources of support to be available to parents, carers, professionals, children and young people
- **data** on the number and ethnicity of children and young people bereaved of a parent or sibling to be collected and reported upon each year.

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