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An tSeirbhís Náisiúnta Siceolaíochta Oideachais
National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS)

b) General Bereavement

[Rainbows](#) is a free, voluntary service aimed at supporting children and young people around separation and bereavement. They run support programmes for children and young people at both primary and post-primary level to begin at a minimum of three months after the experience of loss. Further information and resources are available at their website.

[Barnardos](#) provide wide-ranging services to families including support around bereavement. There is a downloadable e-book and links to various services available on their website

[The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network](#) is a member organisation where families, professionals and schools can obtain information, guidance and support from various professionals. It provides resources and supports and also offers opportunities for professionals to develop their skillsets around bereavement supports.

[The Dougy Center](#) is a US-based organisation that lists books, resources and on-line “toolkits” for schools and communities as they respond to death and bereavement.

[Winston’s Wish](#) offer a wide range of services and supports. The website also has an online shop with books and other resources

[Essex Educational Psychology Service](#) have posted a link to a very thorough document addressing how best schools can support bereaved children. Many of the resources listed complement NEPS’ own guidelines and materials.