

Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Education

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Questions for Governors and Leaders

Short term	Medium term	Long term
• How and when will the information be shared with the school community? Check the school policy. • Who will share the information and how it might be delivered for different groups within school, e.g. child's class? close friends? • What facts have been agreed with the bereaved family that can be shared? • Are there any special circumstances, or cultural and religious dimensions that this situation may impact on or be impacted by? • What will be the immediate response as a school to the bereaved family? • Have the Diocese Education Team been informed? • Has the Information Sharing Pathway been followed?	• How are the emotional needs of staff and children to be monitored, including behavioural and emotional change? • Has the school contacted the Diocese Education Team for bereavement support? • What support is in place for discussion, listening and answering questions for those who need it? • Do all staff have a consistent set of responses that are in line with the policy of the school? • How do children/staff/school want to celebrate the person who has died life? Is this consistent with the family's wishes?	• What curriculum approaches will be put into place to consider bereavement, loss and grief across the school over time? • How will we continue to remember the person who has died and their family? • How can we be aware of anniversaries, particularly for siblings or close friends? • How will information be shared with future teachers and education settings about the bereavement? • How will the transfer to a new school be handled? • What form of professional support will be put in place, if necessary?