**Bereavement policy**

We recognise that children and their families may have experienced grief and loss of close family members, or friends, during the pandemic. We understand that this is not only a difficult time for families, but it may also be a confusing time for young children, especially if they have little or no understanding of why their parents are upset and why this person is no longer around.

We will aim to meet with each family virtually prior to coming back to the setting, to discuss any bereavement that may have happened during the lockdown period and work with them to support the child the best we can.

We will also signpost to other agencies should further support be required