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Dear Headteacher,

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I am writing to introduce the OWLS Bereavement Service – a bereavement support service funded entirely by donations to the Jane Tomlinson Appeal which launched on 1 July 2019.

OWLS (Overcoming Worry, Loss and Sadness) Bereavement Service has four strands of intervention: 1-to-1 bereavement therapy, family support, school workshops and peer support activity days.

The service is available for children between 4-11 years old living in the Leeds area who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The child's grief may be affecting them and their day to day life beyond the 'normal' expectations. We accept self-referrals from families, schools and other professionals. The referral form is on our website and I have also enclosed a copy.

Once a referral has been received, the young person's needs will be triaged by the OWLS team and the child will be offered a bespoke package of support. If there is a waiting list for support, our OWLS team will be able to offer alternative interventions in the meantime.

As previously mentioned, the service is available at no cost to families and schools. If you are aware of a child who would benefit from our support, please do get in touch. I look forward to building links with your school and making a difference to the lives of children affected by bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

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