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ABSTRACT OF DISSERTATION

Chapter 1 sets out the aims and objectives of this research, which is to evaluate 6 Bereavement Programmes. It defines the word bereavement and explains why a bereavement programme would be both valuable and feasible in this particular school.

Chapter two will examine a range of literature on bereavement in order to garner a better understanding of its meaning and implications for adolescents suffering a loss.

Chapter three will discuss the interview as a research method, the reason why it was deemed the most suitable for this research and how and where it will be used. The key research topics will also be listed.

Chapter four will examine the findings of these interviews, with schools, family Centres and parents. It will compare and contrast them and will provide quantitative and qualitative analysis.

In Chapter five, conclusions were drawn from the survey. The results pointed to a need for loss education in the school. After completing that research the natural progression was to engage in extended research in an effort to devise a suitable bereavement programme for the school. This is the focus of my dissertation.