

GPS service delivery 2020

Glasgow Psychological Service (GPS) has gone through a process of redesigning the service delivery in response to Covid-19. This revision was informed by a needs analysis with stakeholders, which has been cross-referenced with colleagues nationally and the standard GPS service.

Three broad themes emerged - resilience, recovery and reconnection.

Please click on the icon and navigate the visual to find out more about what GPS can offer to establishments.





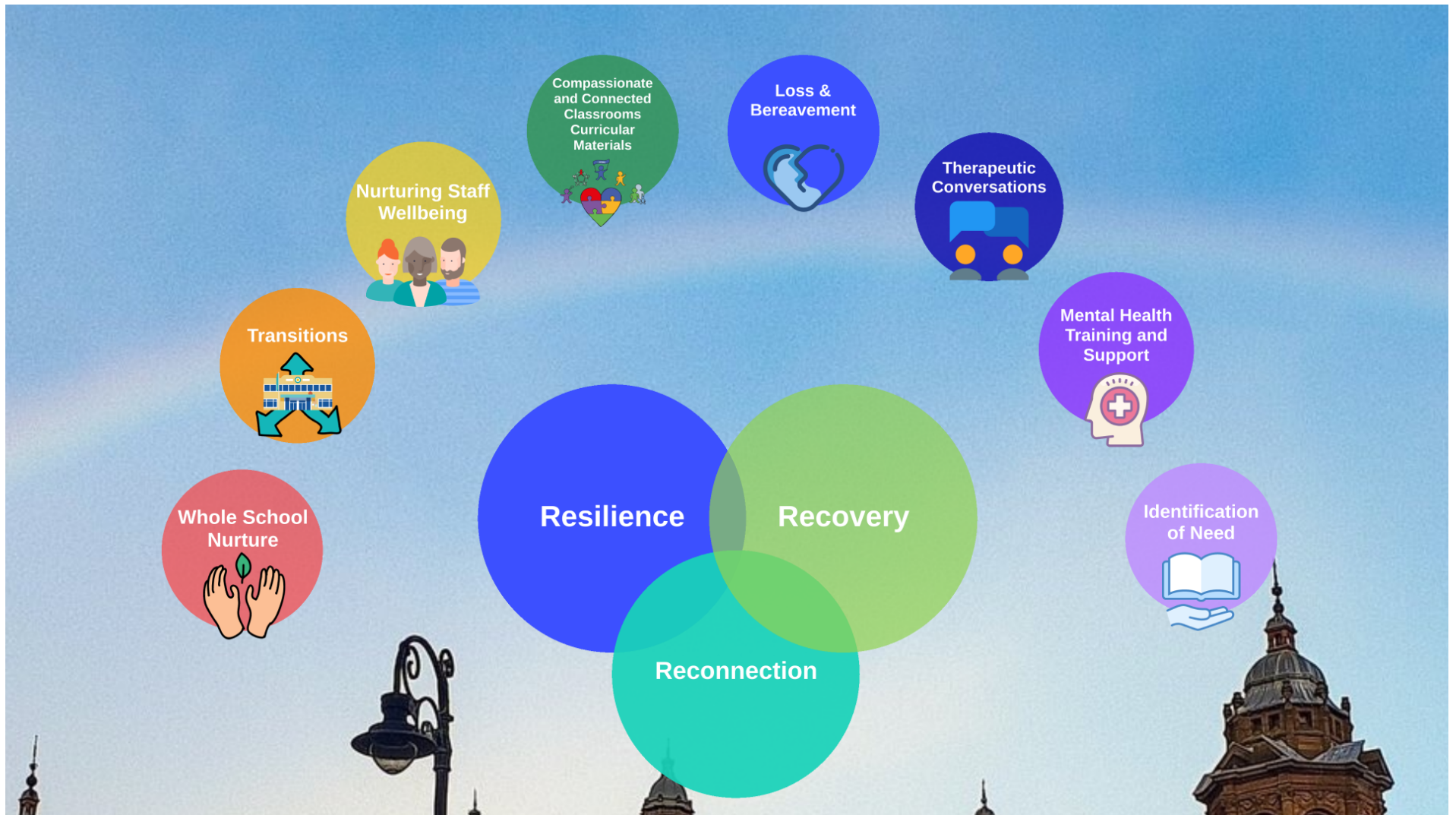
Resilience

Resilience is the ability to overcome stress and adversity, or more simply, bouncing back from life's challenges.

It can be thought of as a combination of many factors, including personal strengths ('I am'), social and interpersonal skills ('I can') and external supports ('I have'). Resilience is dynamic and is influenced by our environment and personal experiences, alongside age and stage.

Helping to build children's resilience will be key in successfully supporting them with the return to school.



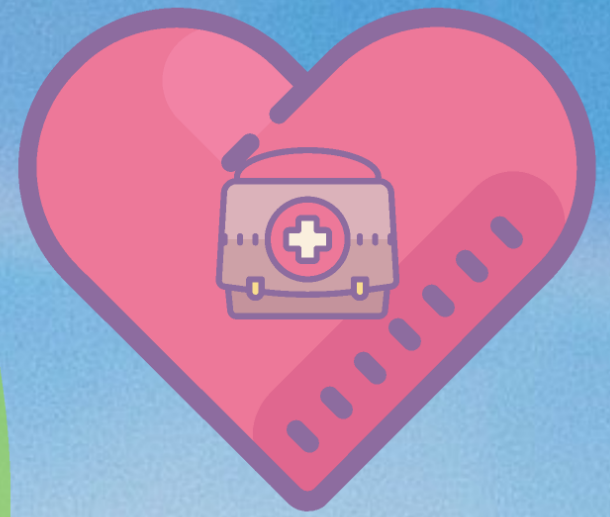


Recovery

Covid-19 has been a big event for us all. Like adults, children respond in many different ways, even to the same event; and most will respond surprisingly well to life's challenges.

For some children, the current situation might have made existing risk factors worse. However, it will be important that we don't assume every child with existing risk factors will require further support, as this could undermine their ability to support themselves.

There will be some children who do require our support and those who already have relationships with them will be best placed to provide this. We will support you in supporting them.



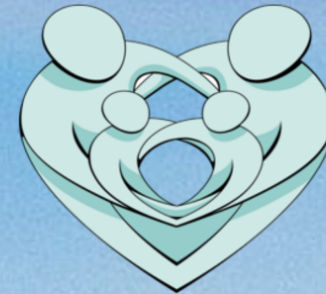


Reconnection

During the current pandemic, we have all been distanced from people, routines and places. Our experience of this will have been different for each one of us.

As we return to school, re-establishing relationships and routines, alongside re-familiarising ourselves with our environments will be important.

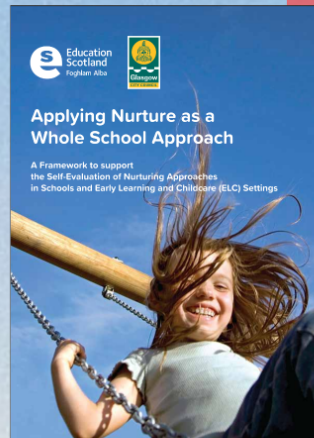
For most, the return to school will be a largely positive experience, whereas others might struggle. We will need to be mindful of how we can support this transition for all.





What we can
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Nurture Principles sessions



Whole School Nurture



At the heart of nurture is a focus on wellbeing and relationships and a drive to support the growth and development of all children and young people. Whole school nurturing approaches will continue to be of great importance for both staff and pupils, particularly with reconnecting and building resilience as they return to school.

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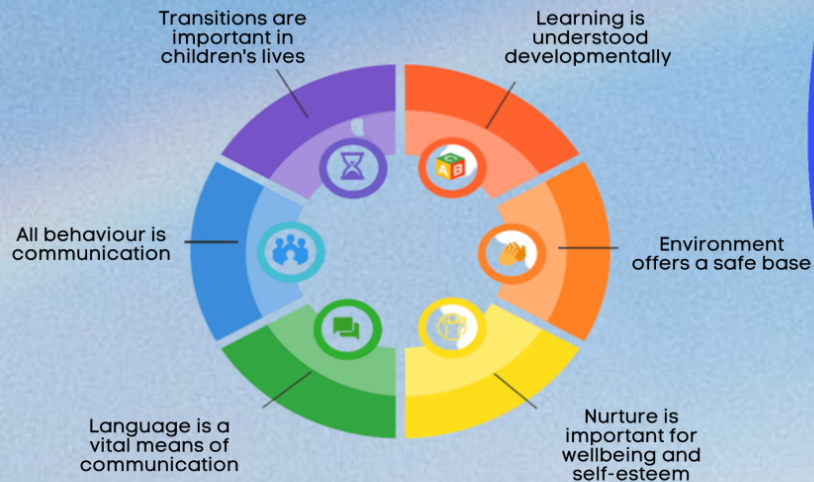
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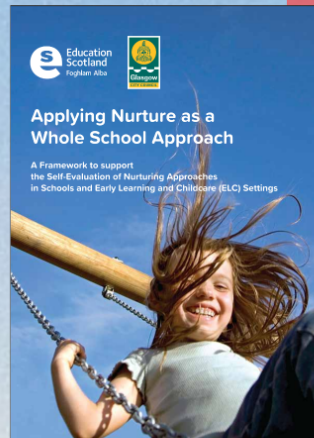
Feedback from schools across different learning communities highlighted a need for enhanced training packages to support schools on their whole school nurture journey. In response, GPS are developing training sessions for each of the six individual nurture principles. These sessions will support staff with the implementation of whole school nurturing approaches within their establishments, based on the results of their needs analysis and identified priority nurture principle. More information will be available shortly.

Please continue to liaise with your link EP if you require support on identifying next steps in relation to your nurture journey.



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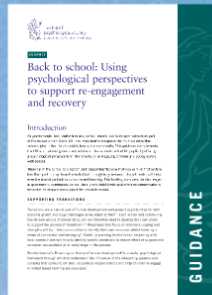


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Guidance for supporting the return to educational settings for all



Back to school: Using psychological perspectives to support re-engagement and recovery

The British Psychological Society resource can offer useful guidance on supporting all children and young people's return to educational settings, as well as staff. The resource can be accessed through the link below.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/sites/www.bps.org.uk/files/Policy/Policy%20-%20Files/Back%20to%20school%20-%20using%20psychological%20perspectives%20to%20support%20re-engagement%20and%20recovery.pdf>



Transitions in 2020

Education Scotland also offers information on supporting transitions in the context of Covid-19. Please access the information through the link below.

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/transitions/>



The Nurturing City - Reconnection to school and ELC - a starter paper

This paper has been created by GPS and the Nurture Development Officer. It emphasises the importance of the nurture principles in supporting the return to educational establishments following Covid-19.

Please access the document through the link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/06/15150410/The-Nurturing-City-Reconnection-to-school-and-ELCs.pdf>

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In addition to the general guidance to support the return to educational establishments for all, the resources and guidance under our mental health and therapeutic conversations offers may be helpful in supporting pupils during the transition, particularly for those with anxiety and emotional needs.

For pupils with speech, language and communication needs, GPS has created the resource below.

Supporting the return to educational settings: transition supports for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs

The document aims to emphasise key principles of good transition practice, and signpost to further resources and links to support the transition back to educational establishments.

The resource can be accessed through the link below:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/06/04085426/Supporting-SLCN-as-children-return-to-educational-settings.pdf>



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- GPS can provide consultation around transition supports for individual children and young people who are active cases with our service.
- Your link EP may also provide consultation for supporting transitions for individual children, groups of children or whole school approaches.

Please contact your link EP to negotiate the best way to access consultation.

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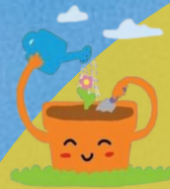


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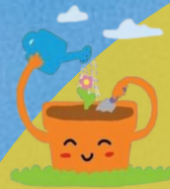


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Webinar Sessions

Series of 3 webinar sessions:

- Responding to change.
- Resilience.
- Reconnection & Recovery.

These have been adapted from the 'Nurturing Staff Wellbeing' sessions developed collaboratively by the Nurture Development Officer and GPS. These can be facilitated by link EPs within their learning communities.

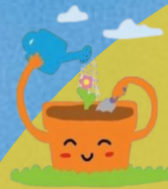


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The resource aims to support children to understand that experiencing adversity and trauma can happen to anyone and activities are outlined that will help children to understand the possible impact of adversity on their wellbeing. It focuses on recognising the importance of positive, nurturing relationships in protecting children and provides children with strategies and skills to help them cope with challenge and build resilience.

Please see below for a link to the resource:
<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/compassionate-and-connected-classroom>

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The session aims to provide staff with the background and context to the resource. It will also allow staff to gain knowledge of the content of the resource and consider how they may use it to support children in their context.

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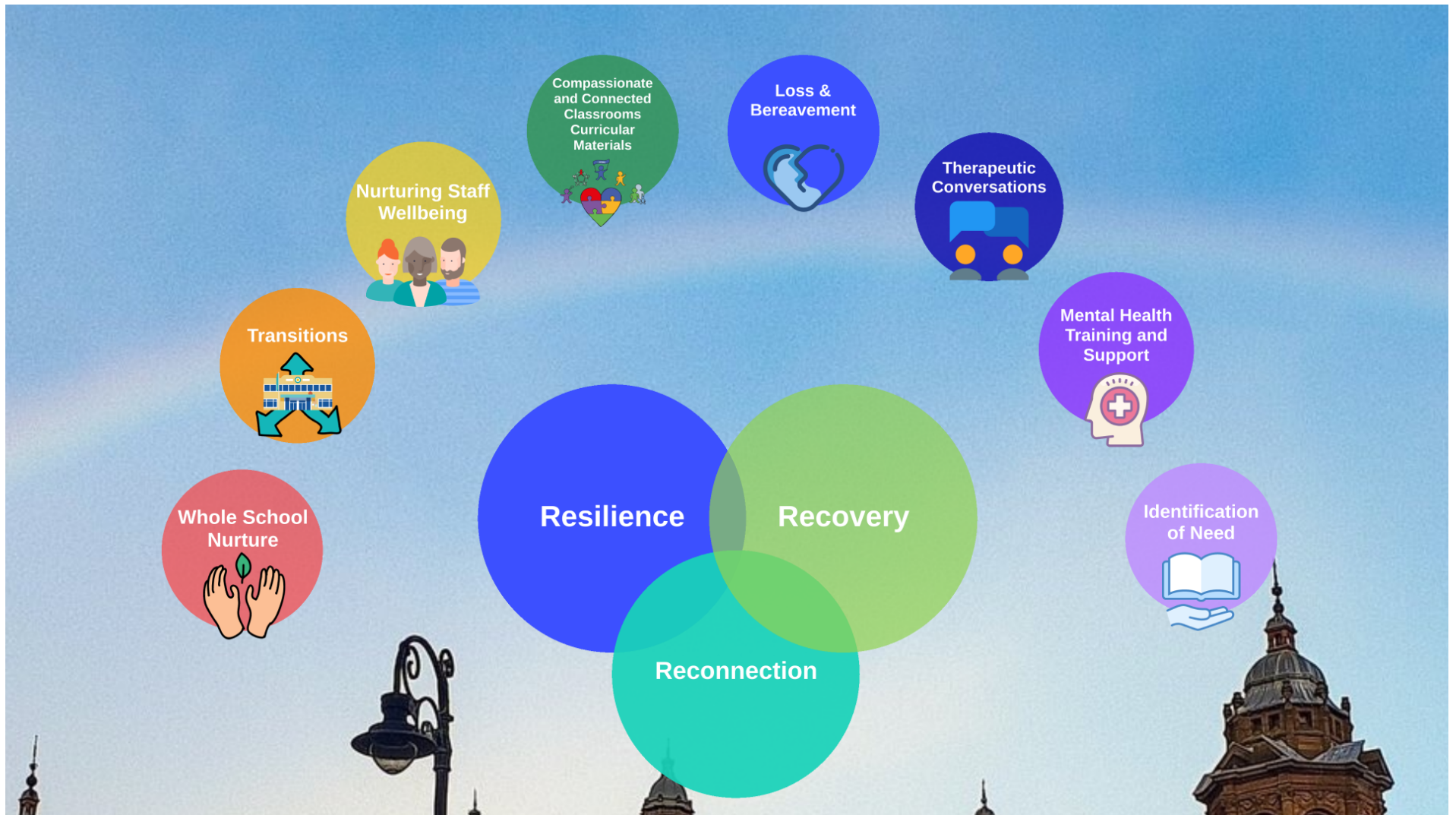


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Loss and Bereavement Infographics

GPS have created a series of infographics designed to give a brief overview of different types of grief, information on coping with loss in a crisis and signposting to further help. These should be viewed as a collective unit, with the first three providing information to support understanding of loss and bereavement and the last two providing information on supports.

The infographics include:

- Thinking about grief – anticipatory grief
- Thinking about grief – disenfranchised grief
- Thinking about grief – complicated grief
- Coping with loss in a crisis
- Where to get help

These can be accessed through the link below.
<http://www.goglasgow.org.uk/Pages/Show/2346>





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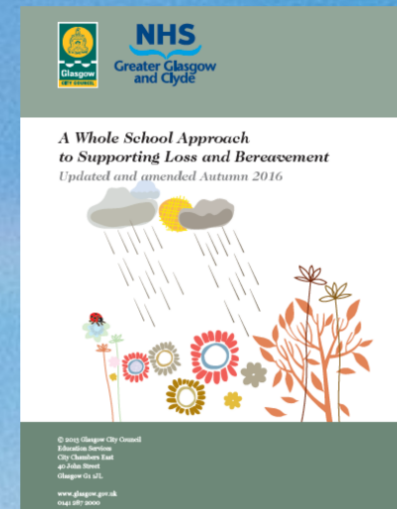
A whole school approach to supporting loss and bereavement

The purpose of this resource is to support school staff so that they feel more confident and equipped when helping children or young people who are going through a period of bereavement, loss or change.

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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/05/13111627/loss-and-bereavement-toolkit.pdf>

For further advice and support, please contact your link EP.





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This resource provides an opportunity for us to consider the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and associated protection measures, upon ourselves, children and young people. The session content is based on sound research regarding what children need to help us, and them, adapt and grow stronger during these uncertain and difficult times.

The session aims to provide staff with the materials that will allow them to start addressing their own needs in response to loss, grief and trauma and then provide support to the pupils in their care.

The materials for the sessions for staff and pupils can be accessed through the link below. Please contact your link EP for further support around these materials.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/glasgowpsychologicalservice/covid-19/>





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Overview of sessions (flexible content which can be adapted according to needs of establishment):

- Attunement and positive relationships.
- Consulting with young people & person-centred planning.
- Solution oriented conversations.
- Cognitive behavioural approaches and relaxation.





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Resources for staff/ pupils

Mental Health Policy

What's the harm
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Webinar introducing resources

Resources for staff/pupils

GPS have collated existing resources known to be effective in supporting pupils' wellbeing into a poster. This document includes services/resources/ideas that will support mental health in your schools.

The resources linked include lesson plans for pupils of different ages and cover a variety of areas of wellbeing.

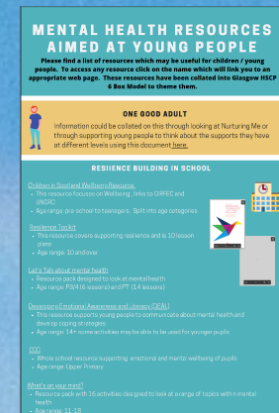
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<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/06/08125024/new-Resources-for-pupils-mental-health.pdf>

Self-study materials for staff have been collated within a poster with hyperlinks to resources. Staff can access these individually to support personal reflection, or with colleagues to support the return to school.

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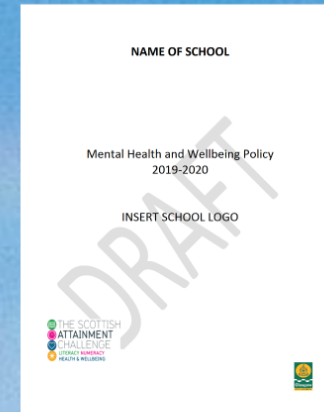
GPS have supported school staff in writing a mental health policy last session. This may be an area schools want to revisit in August 2020.

A draft format for a mental health policy which can be used and amended as required can be accessed through the link below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/06/02091221/Mental-Health-Policy-Template-for-Glasgow-Schools.pdf>

Link EPs will continue to encourage schools to update/refer to their respective mental health policy document.

Staff who access mental health training will be reminded to record completion in their school mental health policy document as appropriate.





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What's the Harm (Self-harm training)

Self-harm training is usually completed face-to-face. GPS is currently negotiating with HSCP and NHSGGC whether this could be provided online.

Please find the leaflet for 'What's the Harm' as well as a self-harm awareness information leaflet for parents and school staff by accessing the links below.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/06/02091412/3.-Whats-the-harm-booklet1.pdf>

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/public/glasgowpsychologicalservice/uploads/sites/4587/2020/06/18095241/Self-harm-leaflet-for-parents-and-staff.pdf>

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At present suicide intervention training is not able to be presented online. Options to explore online content are currently being explored.

Information on ASIST can be found through the following link:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/glowblogs/glasgowpsychologicalservice/mental-health/>



ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training





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Mental Health Policy

What's the harm
(Self-harm training)

ASIST
(Suicide intervention training)

Webinar introducing resources



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- Consultation via phone, email and SIIM/JST meetings on Teams.
- Working collaboratively with young people, parents/carers, education establishments and other professionals in relation to assessment of need.
- Supporting establishments in the collation of assessment evidence to inform planning and support for young people.



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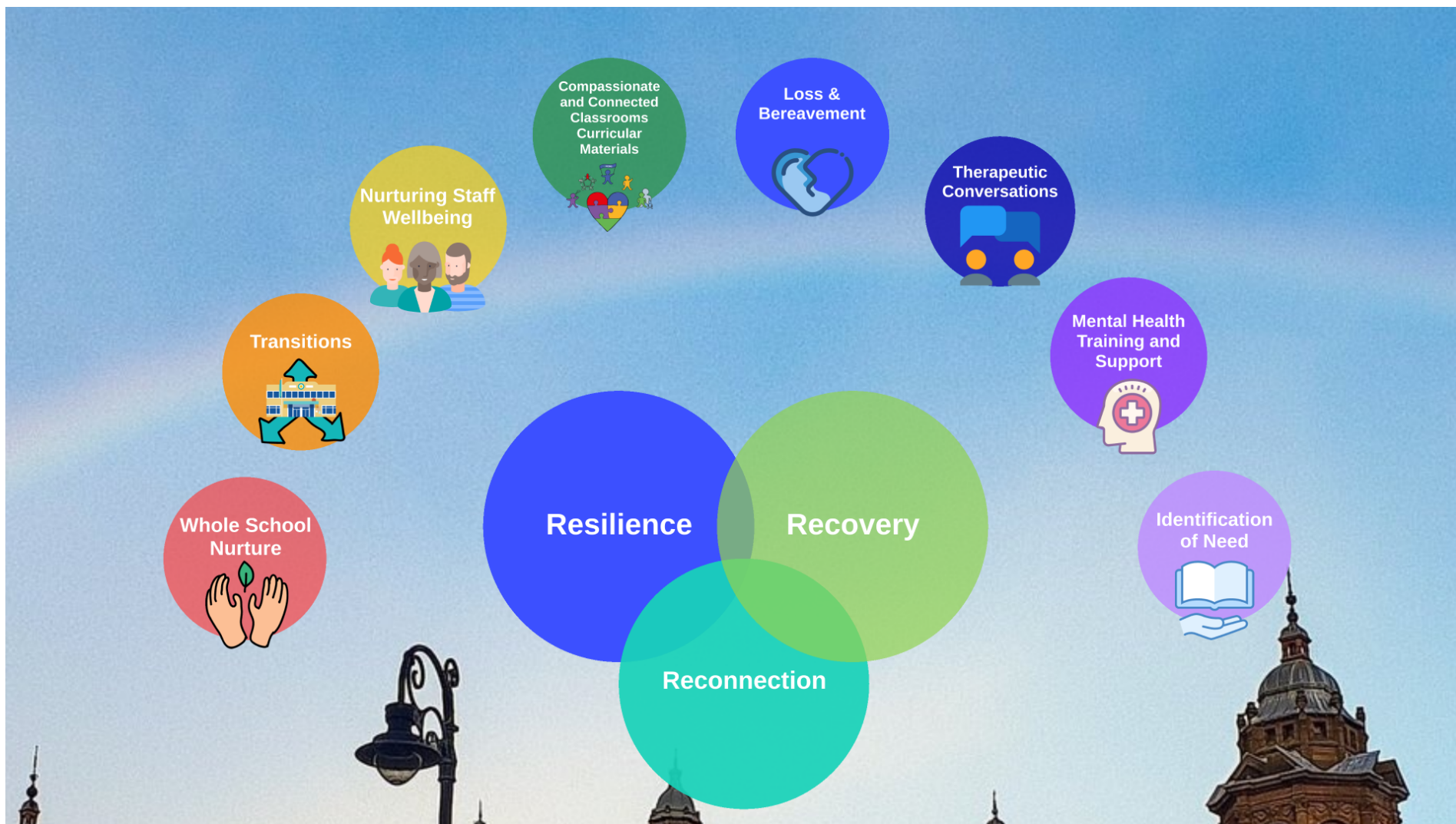
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GPS service delivery 2020

Glasgow Psychological Service (GPS) has gone through a process of redesigning the service delivery in response to Covid-19. This revision was informed by a needs analysis with stakeholders, which has been cross-referenced with colleagues nationally and the standard GPS service.

Three broad themes emerged - resilience, recovery and reconnection.

Please click on the icon and navigate the visual to find out more about what GPS can offer to establishments.

