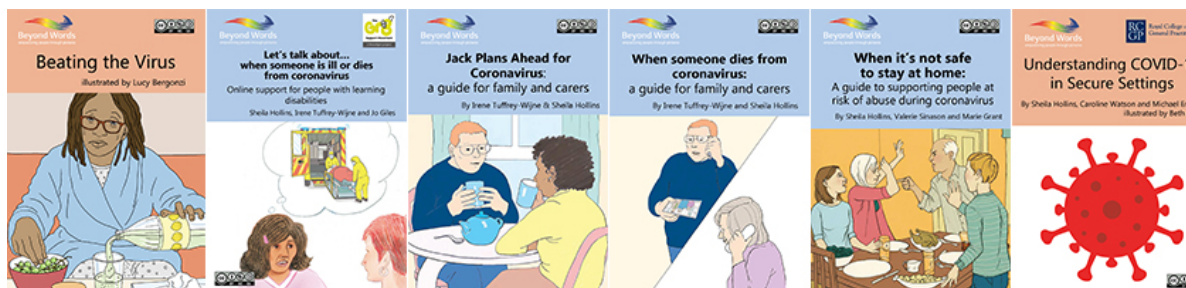


## Beyond Words Summer Newsletter

With coronavirus continuing to affect our everyday lives, we're using this newsletter to highlight what we and others are doing to support people to understand and cope with the impact of this global pandemic. Don't forget, you can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#) to hear more about our activities.



### A growing collection of free resources to support people through the coronavirus pandemic

Since the beginning of lockdown in the UK, we've been developing a range of free coronavirus resources to support you and the people you care about at this really difficult time. Most recently:

- We've published two adapted versions of our picture story '**Beating the Virus**' for audiences living outside the UK (**EU version & Global version**).
- Several volunteers have **translated resources** into other languages. (Please get in touch if you would like assist with further translations!)
- A new resource for supporters around death and dying is now available: '**Let's talk about...when someone is ill or dies from coronavirus: Online support for people with learning disabilities**'. It contains images and suggested questions to prompt discussion about the impact of people dying from coronavirus.
- We have published a story for use in **secure settings**, endorsed by the RCGP.
- A new story about **coronavirus testing** is in development, which we hope will be available in the next few weeks.

All these resources can be found on our website: <https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/coping-with-coronavirus>



## Staying connected with our friends during lockdown

Monday 15th June marks the start of Learning Disability Week, and the theme this year is the importance of friendships during lockdown.

Our network of book club members, who usually meet in libraries, cafés and other community spaces, aren't letting lockdown closures come between them. Instead, they have taken their meetings online! New members are always welcome, so if you'd like to know more about joining an online book club, email Sue Carmichael, our Book Club Co-Ordinator: [suec.carmichael@gmail.com](mailto:suec.carmichael@gmail.com)

You can find out more about having fun at an online book club on our website (*spoiler: there's a lot of smiling and laughing*): <https://booksbeyondwords.co.uk/book-clubs>



"The pandemic is a really difficult time for people with a learning disability."

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## A picture paints a thousand words

The Co-op Foundation, who have funded our project 'Friends Old and New', recently featured us on their blog for our work supporting young people with learning disabilities to understand coronavirus and lockdown.

You can read it, here: <https://www.coopfoundation.org.uk/stories/books-beyond-words-lockdown/>

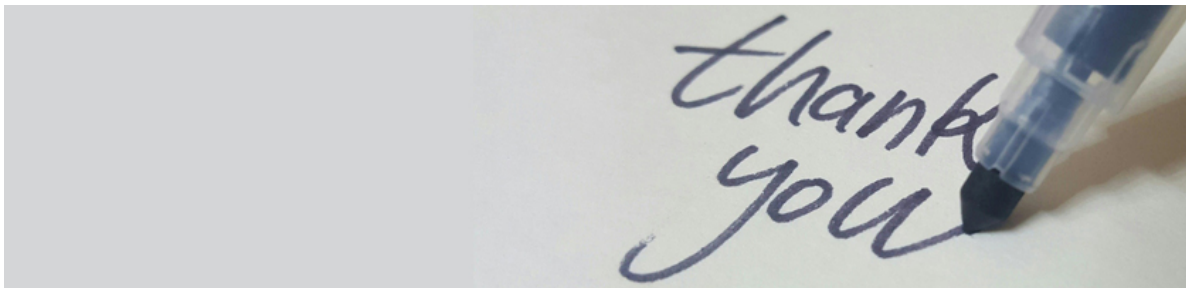


## **A Recovery Curriculum: Loss and Life for our children and schools post pandemic**

“How will it be for children when they return to school? It would be naive to think that they will pick up where they left off on the day their school went into lock down.” Prof Barry Carpenter, CBE, Professor of Mental Health in Education, Oxford Brookes University (and former Beyond Words Trustee) has co-launched the Recovery Curriculum, enabling schools to consider the processes they will need to put in place to successfully transition children back to school.

Read more and listen to the podcasts, here:

<https://www.evidenceforlearning.net/recoverycurriculum/>



## **Thank you to all of our incredible supporters**

Since March, we have received over £2,000 in donations - £1,400 of which was donated in response to the 2.6 fundraising campaign (that aims to replace the income charities lost with the cancellation of the London Marathon) and over £600 which was given in thanks for our COVID-19 pdfs! We are enormously grateful to each and every donor who has made a gift to us. The monies raised have been put towards developing our coronavirus resources further and allowing us to make them available for free to anyone who needs them. The coronavirus pandemic has affected us all, and we are both thankful and proud that even in these difficult times you continue to support us and our work.

Stay safe and take care of each other.

The Beyond Words Team

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