**Discussion ideas for …**

Earth to Daniel by Gwyneth Rees

* Daniel’s mum thinks he watches too much TV, but he disagrees. Do your parents/carers think you spend too much time watching TV or playing games perhaps? What do you think the solution is?
* Daniel’s mum suffers from mental health issues. How do you feel Daniel deals with this? Does it change throughout the book?
* Discuss what you think it would be like to have a parent as the head teacher at your school. What are the advantages and disadvantages?
* Daniel meets Abby at his new school, who gets taunted as her mum has alcohol issues. Discuss Abby and her life, both at school and at home and the challenges she faces.
* How do you feel Daniel dealt with his mum’s illness, when his dad was in New Zealand? In what ways did he try to protect his sister?
* The book deals with young people experiencing difficult situations in their home life. In what ways do you think this book could help young people, who are dealing with similar situations for real?