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Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust

Leaving a Legacy or Will

“The most significant spiritual responsibility of any generation is the spiritual well-being of the generation that follows.”

Marv Penner, Youth Specialities, Canada



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“A gift in your Will can help transform a child or young person’s life”

Your Will, your decision

I wonder if I could ask you to consider remembering BSCWT in your Will.

In doing so, you will help touch the lives of future generations of children.

If you have any questions about this, do contact us - we would be delighted to help you.

There are three simple steps to writing a Will:

1. Work out how much you may have to leave.
2. Decide who you want to leave it to and how
3. Make an appointment with your solicitor

Step 1: Preparing a Will

- a. Work out what you own. Include the current value of your home, personal possessions, and any other financial assets, minus any debts and liabilities.
- b. Make provision for loved ones.
- c. Choose to remember BSCWT if you wish to leave a gift in your Will this way.
- d. Appoint executors. These are people you trust to carry out your wishes. A Will technically only requires one executor, but it may be wise to appoint two should one be unable to help.

Step 2: How to leave a legacy to the BSCWT in your Will

The best way to ensure your loved ones are protected and your exact wishes are carried out is to make a legally correct Will.

It is wise to talk through your plans with a loved one, and to consult a solicitor to help you draft your Will.

Once you have decided how to look after your loved ones, you can leave a gift to BSCWT or other charities in the following ways:

- **A percentage share of what you have** (e.g. you might choose to give 10% to charity)
- **The remainder of your estate** after debts and gifts to others have been paid (known as a Residual Legacy). These gifts are unaffected by inflation, making your gift go further.
- **A fixed sum of money** (known as a Pecuniary Legacy), where you leave a specified sum of money to BSCWT, either for a specific purpose or towards general funds. This kind of gift may not be worth as much in future years due to inflation.
- **A specific gift** (known as a Specific Legacy) where you leave a specific item or items of value such as a painting, jewellery, furniture, a car or a collection of some kind.
- **Using a codicil.** If you already have a Will in place and wish to amend it to include a gift to BSCWT, you can do so using a codicil. For your own peace of mind you may wish to complete a codicil with a solicitor. If you already have a Will, it is not necessary for you to rewrite your existing Will to add a gift to BSCWT. By using a codicil, you can make a simple amendment. Please note, however, that this is a legal document which must be properly signed and witnessed in the same way as your Will, so it may be wise to consult a solicitor as part of this process.

If your total estate is worth more than the Inheritance Tax threshold, any amount above that sum is subject to a tax. You do not have to pay tax on gifts to charity, so leaving a legacy can help reduce the tax bill. There are some exceptions, and your solicitor, a professional independent financial advisor or the Inland Revenue can advise further on this.

If you have any further questions about leaving a gift to BSCWT in your Will, we would be more than happy to talk to you. Please write to us or contact us:

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Thanks to you, we will be there to offer Christian learning and support to children and young people in school for years to come, whatever challenges the future may bring. No gift is too small to be used by God to transform a life. Your gift will result in more children and young people *learning about Christian faith and receiving much-needed support through difficult times in their lives.*

“...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.” (Psalm 78:4)



Please note that this information is not intended as a substitute for professional legal advice. BSCWT can accept no liability for any reliance placed on the contents of this document- always consult a solicitor.

Thank you so much for your support!

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