



# An introduction to the **Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust**

*“Christians serving schools”*



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## What is BSCWT?

The Brentwood Schools Christian Worker Trust (BSCWT) is an educational Christian charity which was set up in 1991. The Trust exists to serve schools in the Brentwood area by providing Christian learning and support. It's all about Christians serving schools.

BSCWT is an expression of the local Christian community and is committed to building a positive partnership between schools and churches.

## What do we do?

The work of BSCWT in schools focuses on two main areas:

1. Spiritual development – part of the National Curriculum, this is about helping pupils to develop their own insights, principles, beliefs, attitudes and values that will give them a sense of identity, meaning and purpose
2. Support – helping schools to provide pastoral care and support to pupils

To provide these services to schools, we are involved in five core activities:

### Pupil support

Providing a listening ear, one-to-one, and supporting small groups of pupils to explore issues such as grief, friendships and self-esteem.

### Assemblies

Presenting Christian reflections in thought-provoking and relevant ways.

### Clubs

Providing a safe place for pupils to make friends and develop social skills.

Enabling pupils to explore aspects of Christian faith in more depth.

### Lessons

Exploring Christian ideas, beliefs and experience on a variety of issues.

### 'Prayer Spaces'

Creating interactive opportunities for pupils to reflect on big questions of life.

In some schools, this work is carried out by members of our team working as Chaplains. We are also committed to praying for our schools and to encouraging churches to develop other ways of serving their local school.

## Who is on our team?

The BSCWT team is made up of a small number of paid staff and a larger group of volunteers. Some of these volunteers are our Associate Workers in schools, while others are Trustees, Support Team members and Church Reps.



All our staff are employed part-time. The team is led by our Director of Schools Work, Ian, supported by our Lead Schools Worker, Sue, and our Operations Manager, Fiona (who is also one of our Schools Workers). The team also includes three other Schools Workers – Alison, Frances and Holly – and our Project Administrator, Evie.

The BSCWT Base is located near the centre of Brentwood.

## How is BSCWT Supported?

The Trust is supported by many local churches in the Brentwood area as well as by many individuals. Our work depends on their ongoing generosity, in addition to a small number of grants from other organisations.

BSCWT is a 'Local Mission Partner' of Scripture Union, an international, inter-denominational Christian organisation working with children, young people and families.



## Comments from local school pupils and teachers:

"You all did an amazing job and the pupils seemed so engaged. What an incredible team you are. We are very lucky to have you with us."

"You gave me stability at a time when I couldn't predict one day to the next. I really will be eternally grateful for your support."

"The events that you have run with our children have been amazing and we would like to thank you for all your hard work and effort that you put into these days. The children have loved taking part in them."

"Thank you so much for an inspirational and instructive session."



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