



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 aims 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 self-harm, 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 much 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 includes several Schools Workers – Alison Carmichael, Frances Coe, Holly Coleman and Sue Evans – our Project Administrator, Gelila Melaku, and our Administrator, Fiona Mason (who is also one of our Schools Workers). The team is led by our Director of Schools Work, Ian Kemble.

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.



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Comments from local school Headteachers and teachers:

“Your team are doing a fantastic job – thank you for making a difference to our school.”

“The team that works for BSCWT are brilliant. Their organisation, commitment and quality of delivery are marvellous.”

“We love all the input you have given – great interaction with the children and very professional.”

“The sessions you provide are greatly appreciated. They are always well planned, full of activity and well presented.”



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