

## Schools & Families Worker

## Person Profile

We believe that God has already prepared the person with the Christian gifts, calling, experience, commitment and personality for this work. Our understanding is that an enthusiastic, sensitive, relationship builder who loves to share the good news of Jesus could fulfil our task profile.

You will be eager to support the work of the church in taking Christ to the Community and "always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, with gentleness and respect."

By word and by actions your energies would be directed to coming alongside people of all ages, finding creative ways of sharing the message of Jesus in contemporary language and using modern resources.

Your training and experience will have enabled you to show the initiative of a lone worker and the co-operation of a team member. You would want the opportunity to grow in your own faith, through prayer, Bible study, mission and worship. In this way you would develop the role and your personal service to the Lord.

## Role profile

This is an opportunity to be part of our taking Christ to the community, relating particularly to local primary schools. You will develop links with pre-school groups and support the annual transition from primary to secondary school.

The way this is achieved will depend on the approach and methods used by the worker. They should include time spent building relationships with school staff and pupils, offering practical support, encouraging the use of volunteers involved in Prayer Space and Open The Book. In particular, there is a key requirement to assist children making the significant transition from pre-school to primary, and primary to secondary school. Compliance with 'safeguarding' legislation, as well as sensitivity to school curriculum and education policy is essential.

Attending relevant training and mentoring is necessary for personal development and networking. Accountability for the expectations, range and quality of the tasks will be to the Church Elders (or their delegated named member of the church). A monthly work sheet will be used to maintain an overview of the work which will be regularly reviewed at Elder's Meeting.

The Post is for 40 hours a week at flexible times and has a starting salary of £21000 per annum. An office with internet access is available at the church.