



# WORKING TOGETHER IN SCHOOLS

To inspire this generation of primary school children to engage with the Christian faith and explore its beliefs and values

**Supporting churches  
to help them  
contribute effectively  
to school communities**

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## Ways we can support you

### Resources

**We have been developing and delivering resources in schools for over 30 years.**

We love the whole process, from concept to delivery. We love others to use our resources too. They are tried and tested by our team in schools and free to download from our website. We can support you to adapt resources for specific purposes if required and may well have just what you need in our resource library.

*"I have found the training excellent. It has been practical and relevant to me. I particularly valued those modules on collective worship, storytelling, learning styles and spirituality"*  
(team member)

### Education Updates

In the multifaceted and quickly changing world of education, it is essential to stay thoroughly up to date. This enables us to produce and adapt materials to meet the current needs of schools today. It also enables us to advise our partners of what they need to know in order to be of real value and support to the schools they embrace, support and pray for.

### Introductions

We have gained not only experience and understanding but also good standing over our 30+ years working in education. We love to work with schools and churches to put them in touch so that they can work together to enhance and promote the importance of the whole school community.

### Encouragement

In a world which often presents us with much to challenge and overwhelm us, Spinnaker aims to always be voice of support and encouragement for our partners, schools, team and supporters alike.

### Networking Opportunities

Spinnaker can connect you with opportunities from a London based annual conference to local Hub meetings. It is productive to bring people in children's ministry together. There is always mutual encouragement and often new ideas, relationships and projects are formed.

*Training with Spinnaker has been "extremely useful" and has "put me in the bigger picture".* (team member)

### Training

We provide induction training to give people the initial skills and knowledge to visit schools. There is also the opportunity to attend full team and hub training to develop skills and learning and to share experiences.

*"Spinnaker has been the catalyst that has helped our local church communities to engage and invest in our local primary schools. It has united us in common purpose and despite our different traditions, has brought us closer together as we work at sowing the seeds of Good News to children who have little, if any, knowledge of the Christian story. It is a real partnership and feels like a true expression of the body of Christ working together for the good of the communities we serve."*  
(Church leader)

### Associate Opportunities

At times we find that our relationship with partners can reach a level where our work in schools is so closely aligned that we can share the responsibilities of recruiting and employing a schools worker. These arrangements are specific to the church/es, the schools worker/s and the school/s in that area. In effect they are tailor made. We would be very happy to talk to you about developing an Associate working arrangement.

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## Ways you can join us

### Praying for schools workers

We know how much it takes to prepare and deliver with integrity, faith and passion an assembly or lesson that ticks all the boxes.

Can you imagine how encouraging, strengthening and reassuring it is to stand there at the start of the school day and know that people are praying for you?

### Releasing a schools worker

Is there someone in your congregation who you think has the potential to inspire children? We raise up and train schools workers, both paid staff and volunteers. It's a vibrant and essential part of what we do, and we would love to do it more! Please send anyone you feel may be interested our way.

*"Spinnakers work among children in school settings is close to our hearts."*

*"We are looking forward to continuing to offer support in prayer and finances to Spinnaker."  
(Church Leader)*

*"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ"*

*Col 4: 2-3*

### Praying for schools

The demands and expectations upon all the staff in schools from the Head to the midday supervisor can feel overwhelming. Pupils themselves have many changes and challenges ahead of them.

As Christians, we know how much difference prayer will make to any environment. Have you considered having a school focus to some of your regular prayer meetings?

### Inviting us to speak

We believe it is inspiring to know what God is doing in our schools: how we are engaging with pupils and staff around Christianity and its beliefs and values. We would love to come and tell you and your church all about it. Please feel free to ask!

### Championing work in schools

We recognise and understand many of the challenges faced by schools today and know that many feel overwhelmed. Therefore, we see the need for schools 'Champions' who will join us to make sure their cause does not go under the radar, to raise awareness and attract others whose support and skills can be released to help this generation of primary school children.

*We are so pleased to support a local mission that has this rare privilege of being able to share Jesus and the Bible with the rising generation; not forgetting the priceless bridge-building they do on the church's behalf as they support teachers who have to tread the minefield that is religious education today.  
(Church Leader)*

### Funding

Everything we do at Spinnaker is generously funded either by churches, individuals or grant making organisations. Every donation, big or small, is what keeps the work flowing. This speaks to us of God's faithfulness and is a reminder that many, like us, seek:

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*Revd Dr Mike Thorne*

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