



## Schools Work Safeguarding Statement

Through Faith Missions is a charitable trust that supports evangelistic work and has its office near Cambridge. The aim is that many people in the community will be able to meet ordinary Christian men and women on their own ground to hear about Jesus Christ and to ask their own questions of the faith. The mission embraces local Christians of all denominations and traditions. Teams involved in the mission area available to schools as a resource to supplement assembly and R.E. programmes.

Some teams consist of men only, others are made up of men and women. These people are drawn from all over the United Kingdom and represent a broad spectrum of church backgrounds.

### Principles

- We recognise schools as places of education and seek to work in them in appropriate ways
- We seek to work in conjunction with school staff and in sympathy with the ethos of the school
- We will show respect for school administration, staff and parents and never knowingly undermine them
- We recognise and respect the right of staff and students to hold different views on matters of faith and belief
- We will not pressurise the students to accept the Christian views being presented
- We will seek to teach Christian principles while not promoting denominations or any one church's programme.

### What we offer

We offer, as a resource to the school, a team of people from a variety of churches and backgrounds who can speak relevantly about their faith in Christ and how that faith relates to everyday life. They have all received suitable training and are available for:

**Assemblies;** To stimulate thought about an aspect of Christian belief and to give pupils an opportunity to reflect on its relevance to their lives.

**Lessons;** An opportunity for a class to ask their own questions of the team in order to enhance their understanding of how the Christian faith and the role of the church relate to real issues.

### Disclosure and Barring

The work that TFM does in partnership with churches falls outside of the requirement for DBS declarations. However, as an organisation we have a 'Safeguarding' policy that we make known to all team members and which also covers our recruitment process. In the school setting our teams should always operate in a supervised environment working alongside local school staff who have been vetted.