

The Good Shepherd Trust (GST)

The GST is a multi-academy trust serving 19 schools within the Diocese of Guildford across Surrey and Hampshire. Our trust comprises both primary and secondary schools, schools affiliated to the Church of England and others who are not. Our purpose is to grow and maintain a strong network of schools within a highly supportive and sharing network: we know that schools are better when they work together sharing common values and goals. Opportunities for staff development are a key priority for us - as a member of support staff, as a teacher, as a head teacher or as a local governor you will have access to wide and varied professional development.

The GST currently educates over 5,000 children across schools (5 infants, 3 junior, 10 primary and 1 secondary) in both urban and rural settings within Surrey and Hampshire. All have their own unique story and context as well as individual strengths and characteristics, which are valued and shared within the GST. What joins them is a commitment to enhance the value of each child, a passion for inspiring lifelong learning and an achievement and desire to see children develop a strong sense of who they are and how they connect with the world around them. The Trust currently employs over 700 staff across our schools and the central team.

We are also proud of our Christian foundation and heritage and we support our church schools to flourish. Our mission is drawn from the words of Jesus in John's Gospel – 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.' It is in this context that Jesus reveals to us the wonderful image of himself, The Good Shepherd who shows us how to live, to love and serve others whilst we experience the richness of life in its fullness.

The GST's vision is to be "better, together" and, through the hub model, we are beginning to collaborate across all aspects of the Trust, but particularly through our curriculum networks, DSL network, trust wide CPD and our ICT projects. Our Trust Articles are based on the Church of England model articles and we are very proud of our Church of England foundation. We can therefore welcome schools of any 'flavour' into our trust: VA, VC or maintained. The majority of our schools are ex-VA schools and we have a governance model with Local Committees (LC) in every school which serve their schools through a scheme of delegation from the GST Board of Directors.

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