

Impact Report 2020

Each year, we take time to look back with thanksgiving at all that God has enabled us to achieve. Given the context of the last 18 months, we are particularly proud of how we have been able to move the organisation forward and continue to be a blessing for children and young people in our local area.

At the start of 2020 we were working in 170 schools across the region reaching around 50,000 individuals. Our teams were busy leading Collective Worship, Kingsquads and delivering CAP sessions. We had 23 mentors meeting regularly with young people and we had just run a very successful Prayer Space.

When schools closed at the end of March, we had to adapt and find new ways to engage with children as we looked to respond to the consequences of the pandemic.

Our annual Chequer Tree Camp was held virtually combining pre-recorded content with live streamed sessions; over 400 individuals accessed our resources and following this online success, we took the decision to launch FT:tv in September, a dedicated YouTube channel.

FT:tv provides high-quality Collective Worship for teachers to use with their students, whether in class bubbles or remotely from home. Our first programme of 10 assemblies had a total viewing figure of over 1000. As December approached, and still unable to be in classrooms in the usual way, we created 'No Zoom at the Inn', a fun and captivating Christmas movie which told the Nativity story; this was viewed over 850 times by churches and schools.

Although much of our primary school work remained online, some of our secondary school mentors were able to gradually return and meet regularly, once again, with those young people most in need.

Following the second lockdown at the start of 2021, we began providing live streamed assemblies to complement our pre-recorded content. Our team produced Easter resources including lessons and a show; by the end of the summer, we had created over 700 minutes of online content.

When bookings opened for the new academic year, we were thrilled to have so many schools looking to secure face-to-face provision again – in particular our CAP Money Kids courses and our termly Collective Worship. Before the end of July, we were already fully booked for terms one and two and by the end of September, we had a waiting list of schools wanting to secure a performance of our annual Christmas show.

We could not fulfil our God-given vision without the generous offering of your time, prayers and finance so thank you to each of you for your continued support. As we move forward, we continue to look to God for his guidance in our planning and we are excited to see what the new academic year will bring.