

Here are some ideas about the content of a Pray for Schools group meeting.

You can read more about establishing a group in our group guidelines page on the Pray for Schools website www.prayforschools.org

Content of Meeting

Start with a few verses from the Bible and a brief comment to focus thoughts on the Lord, followed by the Lord's Prayer/praise/confession/asking guidance of the Holy Spirit.

List points for thanksgiving and prayer under such headings as pupils, staff, events, assembly themes, Christian festivals and pray for each section in turn – this structures the prayer time and prevents prolonged discussion instead of prayer.

Ask for other prayer needs from those in the group.

Consider using a flip chart – but make sure it is removed afterwards. Some groups have a book for recording prayer requests and how God answers them.

Confidentiality is essential. Whatever is mentioned for prayer must remain in confidence.

Do not circulate anything in writing without the approval of the Headteacher and do not use names without the person's permission, e.g. refer to a Year 2 pupil, a member of staff, a parent, etc.

These suggestions are based on the experience of leaders from several existing prayer groups. Every group will be different so let the Lord lead you in what is best for your school and do share your experience with us.