**7-step plan for your ‘Pray for our Schools’ event.**

1. **Bring together a team**

* Find as many different representatives from local churches as possible
* Balance visionaries, strategists and do-ers!
* Underline everything with prayer
* Work out a budget and where funding can be found

1. **Determine date and venue**

* If September is too soon push forward further into the Autumn – maybe half-term
* Could be in a school or church, or a more neutral building. Hopefully free of charge.

1. **Identify contributors and invite them**

* Worship leader/band – preferably including young people
* Christians working in schools
* Representatives of youth/schoolwork organisations
* Local church leader (eg someone attached to a church school)
* Someone inspiring to bring short word encouraging prayer.

1. **Get invitations and other publicity out**

* See our template invitation letter
* Make a list of people to invite
* Social Media
* Flyer or other info for churches
* Plan reminders and monitor responses

1. **Organise practical things – delegating responsibility among the group**

* Seating and setting out prayer stations
* Refreshments
* Sound and lighting
* Welcome team
* Contact contributors emphasising timings and other expectations

1. **Be faithful in prayer for the event**

* Give someone responsibility to make this a reality
* Be specific about what you are asking God to do
* Ask those planning to come to pray beforehand
* WhatsApp prayer group
* Social Media prayer points

1. **Think about follow-up**

* Include a list of ongoing actions people can take as part of the programme
* Set a date for another evening – perhaps in a different setting
* Make a way for people to feed back answers to prayer and share requests
* Support those working and volunteering in schools
* Encourage prayer groups for individual schools.