

## How New Generation Schools Trust (NSGT) works with partner churches

## **Our Motivations and Aspirations**

For NGST, school-church partnerships will always prioritise the best interests of the children, families and the local community. The school exists to enable pupils, parents and local residents to flourish and thrive. Churches that partner with NGST community schools do so because of the opportunity that this presents to serve and support local families.

We envisage the following as examples of the benefits that could be provided to each other:

## Opportunities that churches provide for schools

- Providing resources to help meet specific educational needs
- Providing contacts in the local community to access further resources
- Providing additional care and pastoral support for families who may require or request this
- Praying for the life of the school
- Helping pupils, staff and families to learn and explore faith and spirituality

## Opportunities that schools provide for churches

- Helping the church to attend to the reality of the local community by providing a context for relationship building and community service
- Providing premises for different community activities outside of school hours
- Inviting members of congregations to participate in school activities and volunteering by investing their time, resources, gifts and skills in serving children and families
- Raising the profile of churches in the community and providing access points for community members