

SIAMS

PURPOSE & FOCUS OF SIAMS INSPECTIONS

SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of a Church school's Christian vision on the pupils and adults in their care. It involves looking closely at the school's Christian vision and how this is being 'lived out' by all who attend, work and associate with our school. It's aim is to help to ensure that the schools Christian provision is effective in enabling all pupils to flourish.

Church schools will employ a variety of strategies and styles appropriate to, and reflective of, their particular context in order to be distinctively and effectively Christian in their character and ethos. SIAMS inspectors therefore do not look for a set template of what a Church school should be like, but rather take the particular context of the school into account and base their evaluation on outcomes rather than the process.

SIAMS explores ways in which each school's theologically rooted Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school. It does so by seeking to answer the questions listed below:

It is important that as an Anglican Methodist Junior School, we have explored our purpose and how we serve our school and community by asking ourselves: -

1. Who are we as a school?

2. What are we doing here?

3. How, then, shall we live and learn together?

These questions are broken down even further through 7 Inspection Questions or IQs.

IQ1 How does the schools' theologically rooted Christian vision enable pupils and adults to flourish?

IQ2 How does the curriculum reflect the school's theologically rooted Christian vision?

IQ3 How is collective worship enabling pupils and adults to flourish spiritually?

IQ4 How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create a culture in which pupils and adults are treated well?

IQ5 How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create an active culture of justice and responsibility?

IQ6 Is the religious education curriculum effective?

IQ7 What is the quality of teaching and learning of RE in school?

If you have any questions regarding SIAMS inspection or our Christian vision – do not hesitate to speak to us.