SIAMS Aide-mémoire IQ 1



Inspection question:

How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision enable pupils and adults to flourish?

Sub questions:

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These are for information only and inspectors must not expect that they will be answered/used

- a) How is the Christian vision expressed? For example, is it through values that are faithful to the Anglican/Methodist foundation of the school?
- b) What other strategies do leaders employ to ensure that the theologically rooted Christian vision is a living reality that enables pupils and adults to flourish?
- c) How do leaders know that the theologically rooted Christian vision is enabling people to flourish?
- d) How does the vision of the trust resonate with the school's theologically rooted Christian vision in a way that enhances the work of the school and its Christian foundation?

Possible LOE Possible questions to pursue LOE in the context of the school

LOE: The extent to which the Christian vision is driving the school's actions

- How has the vision been reflected in the school's work?
- What decisions have governors/ leaders/directors made based on the vision?

LOE: How far Church school leadership has had a demonstrable effect upon pupils' learning and flourishing

- How have leaders' actions/decisions/policies had an effect on pupils' learning and flourishing?
- Where do leaders see the flourishing happening and how is it monitored? What does it look like?
- How do teachers and leaders get the best from pupils?

LOE: How effectively Church school leadership ensures the vision takes into account the professional needs of all staff

- What systems exist for staff support, subject CPD, curriculum construction and professional fulfilment based on the vision?
- How far is RE given an important emphasis in staff training and budgetary allocation?

Suggested activities to pursue LOE

Scrutinise policies / development plans for evidence of vision.

Ask leaders at all levels about:

- how the vision was formed in response to local needs.
- recent and relevant examples of impact.
- how the vision has helped the school develop.
- how they see and interpret the vision in their own work.

Ask all staff about:

- systems/support for inexperienced, non-specialist, struggling teachers based on the vision.
- quality and impact of CPD implications for workload and confidence in delivering a subject if the vision contributes.

Ask partners (parents, churches, other schools in a cluster/MAT, community groups etc) if and how the school lives out its vision in partnerships.