

National SIAMS Team

14 August 2023

## Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspection of XXX School

### Letter from XXX, SIAMS Inspector

Dear staff member,

I am looking forward to visiting XXX School on [day-month-year] (eg Tuesday 25 December 2023) to carry out your school's SIAMS inspection.

During the inspection, I will be seeking evidence to understand how the school's Christian vision is enabling you, and the pupils in your care, to flourish. I will be doing this by answering [six/seven] inspection questions that address many areas of school life.

As part of my evidence-gathering, I will speak with a range of people from within the school community. As well as speaking with pupils, I will speak with parents, governors, representatives of the church and diocese [and/or Methodist circuit]. If your school is an academy, I will also speak with representatives of the multi academy trust. My timetable, crafted in collaboration with the headteacher, will ensure that I am able to speak to those who work in the school throughout the course of the inspection day [days]. It is likely that I will also speak with many of you on the inspection day.

I want to share a little about how the inspection will be conducted. A SIAMS inspection is very much the coming together of professionals to enable fair and accurate judgements to be made for the benefit of the school. You are the experts in the life of your school, and you are the people who best understand your context and the school's Christian vision. I will be exploring these with you so that I have sufficient evidence to identify school strengths that can be celebrated, and areas for development to support your continued work as a Church school. In order to answer each of the Inspection Questions, I will need to test and triangulate evidence. As SIAMS inspectors we inspect in a 'Christian manner'. To that end you can expect the inspection to be undertaken respectfully, collaboratively, discursively, rigorously and with integrity. Open ended and wide-ranging inspection conversations will offer you the opportunity to discuss the work of your school as I gather the evidence I need.

I very much look forward to meeting and working with you.

Kind regards,

XXX

SIAMS Inspector