SIAMS – Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?

General Information

Schools are awarded one overall grade: excellent, good, requires improvement or ineffective. They are also awarded a stand-alone grade for collective worship and VA schools / former VA academies and awarded a grade for RE.

Scheduling the SIAMS Inspection **Previous** DBE SIAMS Manager identifies schools requiring a SIAMS inspection in the academic year following academic year **Good or excellent** Requires school: 5 academic School converted to improvement or New school / an academy: Treat years from last Ineffective: Any point Academy: Suggested the same as the inspection. *If a school* after 3 years but 3 years after opening predecessor school. was inspected in the within 5 years but within 5 years year 17/18 it will next be inspected at any point in 22/23 DBE needs to find out if the school or academy is being inspected as VA/VC. This is important due to funding – VA schools are given a separate grading for teaching of RE and so inspectors are paid more for these schools. DBE sends this information to the education office in March and any changes are sent in May. DBE decides on an approximate date and an inspector is allocated. Dates are discussed with the inspector but the name of the school is kept confidential. DBE appoints a Critical Reader (CR) 5 days before DBE informs inspector of name of the school. Inspector must keep this school notified confidential until the school is notified. 1 week before DBE informs the school of the SIAMS inspection using email and a follow up inspection phone call if no reply is received. A formal template email is used to ensure all

information is included and correct.

Preparation

Inspector contacts the school. Date is confirmed, documents can be requested

Inspector makes a Pre-Inspection Plan based on the school's SEF.

24 hours before inspection

Inspector sends PIP to school

Inspection Day

- Inspector has a brief meeting with the head teacher on arrival to confirm the timetable for the day and any planned meetings with staff, students, governors or parents.
- Mid inspection feedback. *Inspector can request additional evidence*
- Summative briefing with head teacher
- Final feedback with grades. Subject to Critical Reading. DBE will be present for feedback.

Critical Reading

