

SIAMS UPDATE 1 FEBRUARY 2022

Inspections

SIAMS inspections for those schools on the current list are likely to recommence at the end of January 2022. It is therefore possible that you will receive notification of your SIAMS inspection before the end of this month. The national team are very aware of the high number of Covid cases prevalent in many schools. It is therefore important that headteachers discuss their situation with the inspector at the first phone-call with them and keep inspectors informed. Please ensure that you download a copy of the '**SIAMS COVID-19 Policy**' from the CEEO website.

Self-evaluation Summary

A reminder that the inspector will ask for a short, succinct and evaluative summary of self-evaluation (they request no more than 2 sides of A4). Your summary should clearly state your distinctive vision and how this vision informs your provision and more importantly the difference your vision has made and is making. So, make sure you keep the focus of your summary on impact. The most recent CEEO guidance on self-evaluation summaries states

- *Schools should not include grades on their self-evaluation.*
- *No schools need to write a separate case for Excellent as the summary self-evaluation should use the language of the Schedule to outline their evaluation of the impact of the school's Christian vision.*

Timetable

The inspector will agree with the headteacher the timetable for the day. The timetable will be determined by the lines of enquiry the inspector is following. The meetings that will form part of the day are also determined by the lines of enquiry. For example, an inspector may wish to arrange several meetings to talk about the school's vision. It may not be possible for the inspector to meet everyone the school would like them to.

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