

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Inspection of Downton CE VA Primary School

Letter from David Hatrey, SIAMS Inspector

Dear Parents and Carers,

All Church of England and Methodist schools are inspected approximately every five years by a SIAMS inspector from the Church of England, although there has been some delay to our inspections due to Covid.

I will be inspecting your child's school on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

A SIAMS inspection is an opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's distinctive Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community. I will be seeking evidence to answer the inspection question:

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

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, staff, governors, representatives of the church and diocese (or Methodist circuit). If your school is an academy, I will also speak with representatives of the multi academy trust.

I will work closely with the headteacher to devise a timetable that enables me to gather the evidence I need to answer the inspection question. It is likely that I will speak with some of you on the inspection day.

Following the inspection, I will write a report. Once the report has been finalised it will be published, and the inspection findings will be shared with you. This will be approximately three weeks after the inspection. The report will celebrate all that is special about the school and will identify next steps that are helpful in the school's ongoing development as a Church school. The report will be published on the school's website, and I would encourage you to read it.

I look forward to spending time with the school community on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

Kind regards,

David Hatrey SIAMS Inspector