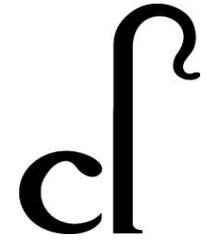


# Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)



Diocese of Carlisle  
Growing Disciples

## Schools Appealing a SIAS Judgement

During a diocesan SIAMS inspection the inspector will give clear indications of the judgements that s/he is forming based on the schools Self-Evaluation and the information gathered during the day. There will be many opportunities for a variety of school personnel to discuss these perceptions with the inspector and to provide evidence to confirm or amend them.

It is advised that the Headteacher (and, where appropriate, members of the senior management team), the Chair of Governors (or substitute) and the vicar (or a foundation governor) are present at the verbal feedback. If schools wish to question any of the judgements they should do so at this stage. The inspector will explain the basis for the judgements and may on rare occasions amend them. Given the professionalism of the Diocesan inspectors schools will usually be satisfied at this point.

If the school wishes to challenge the judgements formally they should explain this to the inspector, and immediately contact the Deputy Diocesan Director of Education (DDDE).

The DDDE (or an appropriate substitute \*) will:

- require all parties to maintain confidentiality
- halt the inspection process (ie. The publication of the report)
- clarify the school's concerns and request details in writing including evidence supporting the school's appeal
- discuss the issue with the inspector and request her/his evidence base
- consider the evidence provided by the school and the inspector
- form a judgement which will be shared with the school and the inspector
- direct the inspector to complete the inspection process informed by the DDDE's judgements

In all circumstances the diocese will maintain its usual procedures in critically monitoring the drafting of the report and ensure that any controversial judgements are presented fairly.

There will be no appeal by either party.

\* In the event that the DDDE is the inspector then the appeal will be judged by an appropriate officer from another diocese.

## Appeals against the Quality Assurance (QA) process

Provisional judgements made during the inspection may be revised upwards or downwards as part of the Diocesan QA process. Where the QA officer is considering the option of revising one or more grades downwards then s/he will immediately

- Consult the DDDE
- Inform the inspector and the school that the provisional grades are being reviewed
- The DDDE may call in the inspector's evidence base. He will come to a judgement that ensures comparability with inspections in other CE schools and inform the school and the inspector.
- The inspection process will resume until a final report is published

There will be no appeal by either party.