



The Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle Joint Education team



Procedure for Appeals following Statutory Inspection of Church Schools (SIAMS)

Should any school or academy have concerns over an aspect of the Inspection process they should contact Paul Rickeard, Director of Education, as soon as possible.

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The Judgement of an Inspector will normally stand once the Report has been through the Quality Assurance process unless the Inspector has acted unprofessionally or has not used evidence provided correctly to come to a final Judgement.

The Appeals Process

Stage 1

- School/academy contacts the Director with initial concern.
- Report scrutinised by Director; Inspector contacted for further comment.
- School/academy informed of initial findings.
- Report altered in appropriate cases or school/academy accepts the Report.

Stage 2

- If school/academy remains dissatisfied, the Director should be informed in writing.
- Director asks Inspector to go back to the evidence base and back up the Judgements.
- Where evidence is clear, the school/academy is informed.
- If evidence is unclear or does not back up the Judgement, the Report is re-written.
- The re-written Report undergoes the usual Quality Assurance process.

Stage 3

- If the school/academy remains dissatisfied, the Director should be informed.
- The Director will call in the evidence base of the Inspector and check this against the Judgements.
- Judgements are either upheld or the Report is re-written.
- The re-written Report undergoes the usual Quality Assurance process.
- The re-written Report is sent to the school/academy.

Stage 4

- School/academy accepts final Judgement **or**
- School/academy is Inspected by another Inspector – if the resulting Inspection matches that of the initial findings the school is charged the full fee for the re-inspection.