



Our Christian Vision

As church school we are subject to another type of inspection as well as Ofsted. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools or SIAMS is a diocese led inspection with the following purpose;

‘The SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults. This involves looking at the school's Christian vision, the provision the school makes because of this vision and how effective this provision is in enabling all pupils to flourish. Church schools will employ a variety of strategies and styles appropriate to, and reflective of, their particular context in order to be distinctively and effectively Christian in their character and ethos. SIAMS inspectors therefore do not look for a set template of what a Church school should be like, but rather take the particular context of the school into account and base their evaluation on the outcomes rather than the process.’

Here at Selsted we are undertaking a mission to really consider what our ‘Christian Vision’ is. Who are we? What is important to us? How do we demonstrate this vision?

As part of this mission, we will be involving all members of our school community to find out what you think as well as spending our annual development day in February delving deep into our reasons for doing what we do, theologically speaking.

Watch this space!

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The governors felt immensely proud of the staff and children when the government website showed that, for overall performance, Selsted is ranked 3rd in Kent. That is 3rd out of 560 primary schools! We performed better than many schools that are considered Outstanding by Ofsted.

We know that the staff and children always strive to challenge themselves in whatever they do but it was wonderful to have it recognised at a national level.

We hope that you, as parents, can see the positive ways in which the school has worked hard to offer the best chances to every child even when the restrictions imposed by our size, budget and location have not been helpful.

We know that data is only one facet of life in school, but isn't it nice to celebrate such an amazing achievement?

Governor Vacancy

The Governing Board is currently looking for a Local Authority Governor with specific experience in IT, Business or Education. It is not necessary to have experience as a Governor. We are keen to hear from people who have a curiosity and enthusiasm and are able to give time after the school day to attend meetings.

The Board is also always open to having new Associate Governors that can add something to the overall skills and expertise. An Associate Governor is not required to attend meetings (unless they want to) and is not eligible to vote in Governor decisions but would be called upon by the Head and Chair as necessary. Some examples of pertinent experience might be finance, legal, data protection, safeguarding, HR or religious.

Please contact the Chair, Jen Ibbetson-Revell via the school office if you, or someone you know may be interested. It's a good way to become involved in governance without committing a lot of time.