SIAMS TIMELINE

March
SIAMS Managers from Ely, St Edmundsbury & Ipswich and Norwich Dioceses share lists of schools to be inspected in the next academic year.

April
The list of schools is anonymised and randomised across all three dioceses in preparation for a blind allocation across the academic year.

May
SIAMS Managers allocate schools randomly to Autumn, Spring and Summer terms. This list is then reverted back to names and sent to the Church of England Education Office, which applies for inspection funding from the DfE.

June
SIAMS inspectors indicate their availability for the following term. SIAMS managers allocate e.g. School ‘3021’ to ‘inspector H’ for their first available week. Inspectors are only informed of the week of their inspection at this stage.

SIAMS - 2 weeks
SIAMS inspectors are contacted ten working days prior to the inspection. They are informed of the location and name of the school to be inspected, in order for them to have time to prepare.

SIAMS day
Throughout the day, there is regular feedback to the HT – avoiding a ‘big reveal’. Once final judgements have been made, the school is asked if they are satisfied with the process and are made aware of the complaints procedure.

SIAMS +5
A draft report is sent within 5 working days to a Critical Reader, who checks it for house style and accuracy of evidence against the SIAMS schedule. The report is sent to the school for fact checking by the HT / Chair of Govs / RE lead.

SIAMS +15 (max)
The report is signed off and a copy is sent to the Diocese for publication.

Excellent and Good judgements for schools result in a scheduled inspection in the fifth academic year post-inspection. Other judgements will trigger an inspection from the third academic year post-inspection.

Appeals
A full appeals and complaints procedure can be found on pp23-24 and in Appendix H of the National Society SIAMS Handbook (September 2018).