

Some suggested SIAMS questions for pupils

As well as the 'tick box' questionnaire provided, here are some additional suggestions to help you to get more detailed responses.

You will probably want to make your own selection from these questions.

You might ask these questions at a School council meeting or with a representative group of pupils. These are only suggestions – there may be other questions which you would want to ask or you might want to ask them slightly differently in your school. Sometimes pupils need prompts and examples to talk about some of these aspects of school life – but avoid 'giving them the answer'!

You will need to ask age appropriate versions of these questions especially to your younger pupils.

Older pupils might help the younger children to fill in the written questionnaire.

What things show us that this is a Christian school?

What are our Christian values?

Why do you think they are important for everyone in our school?

Do they help you to understand how everyone should behave in school and how we should treat other people in school?

This is a 'Church of England' school. What do you think this means?

Are there times in school when you are able to reflect – think quietly?

Are there special times in school when you are given the chance to pray?

Can you pray in different ways in our school?

Do you like these times? Do you find them helpful?

How do you know what is the right way to behave in our school?

Do you get on well with ...other children....adults... in school? Does everybody get on well with other people in school?

What and why do we learn about different cultures in our school?

Do you enjoy Religious Education (RE)?

Why do you think RE is an important subject to learn in school?

How does RE help you to think about the sort of person you are?

How does RE help you learn more about God, Jesus and the Bible?

How does RE help you to learn about faiths other than Christianity?

Can you think of an RE lesson that you really enjoyed? Why did you enjoy it so much?

Do you know how well you are doing in RE?

Do you know how to do better in RE?

Why do you think that we have collective worship every day in our school?

What do you enjoy/not enjoy about worship?

Do you ever have visitors in worship? What is this like?

Can you tell me an important message from one of our worship times?

Do you sometimes go to church for worship? When do you go to church? What is worship like in church?

Do you visit the church at times other than for worship? What do you do there?

How does the vicar help in our school?

Does our school take part in events with our village or town?

Do you raise money for charities in school? Which ones? Why do you think this is important?