

**NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**STATUTORY INSPECTION OF ANGLICAN SCHOOLS (S48)  
GOVERNORS' DECISION REGARDING TIMING OF SIAS INSPECTION**

**DECLARATION**

**Name of School:** .....

We the school governors\*, based on the advice provided by the Diocesan Board of Education and the school's Head Teacher, have determined that the denominational (Section 48 Inspection) should be

**simultaneously with the Section 5 inspection**

**in close proximity to the Section 5 inspection**

Please delete one of the above

**Signed:**

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Chair of Governing Body

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Foundation Governor

\* Aided Schools: the school governing body  
Controlled Schools: Foundation Governors

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## STATUTORY INSPECTION OF ANGLICAN SCHOOLS (S48) RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNORS

### 1. Relevant Documentation

- a) 2005 Education Act: Sections 47, 48 and 49
- b) Inspection of Schools with a Religious Character, Protocol for Inspectors

### 2. Governors Responsibility

The responsibility for setting up the Section 48 Inspection and for appointing the inspector lies with:-

- a) In “Voluntary **Aided**” schools, the Governing Body
- b) In “Voluntary **Controlled**” schools, the Foundation Governors

### 3. Timing of Inspections

The first paragraph of the Protocol calls for *both Section 5 and 48 ... Inspections, where possible, to be carried out simultaneously or in ‘close proximity’, in order to minimise the burden of inspection on the school.*

The National Society believes that it is advantageous for Section 5 and Section 48 inspections to be carried out **simultaneously** where that is practicable.

However, in some schools it would be impracticable in terms of inspection overload to have concurrent inspections. The Newcastle Diocesan Education Board recommends that SIAS takes place within six to seven weeks of Section 5 Inspections. In larger schools however, the two inspections can take place concurrently.

### 4. Governors’ Action

The Governing Body of “Aided” Schools and the Foundation Governors of “Controlled” Schools, based on the advice of the headteacher, must determine whether the SIAS Inspection should be carried out *simultaneously* with the Section 5 Inspection *or in close proximity* to it. (NB the Section 5 Inspection takes precedence.)

Please complete the attached pro-forma and return it to Brian Hedley, Assistant Director of Education at Church House.