



**Your School's Christian Vision
during
The Covid – 19 Pandemic**

How has your school's Christian vision and associated values supported you through Covid19 ... and beyond?

Vision - Leadership – Flourishing

This is merely a prompt to think about how the school's Christian vision has sustained and helped realign priorities during the pandemic and into the future. The summary sheet in the Appendix is offered as an aid to help clarify your school's thinking. It could, if you so wish, be used as part of your school's self-evaluation. It is provided to help structure your thinking around the issues raised so that you will be in a good position to provide examples. The pandemic has provided several challenges to Church of England schools – the main one is: *'how has our Christian vision been sustained and expressed since March 2020 and how has it guided us?'*

Some questions to think through:

- How has our Christian vision been reflected in our work during the pandemic and into the future?
- How has our Christian vision shaped what we offer to our pupils and their families?
- Has our Christian vision helped us in deciding on our priorities in ensuring the safety and well-being of our staff, pupils, and families throughout the period and beyond (life in all its fullness/flourishing)?
- How have we lived out our Christian values during this period?
- What are our next steps in ensuring that our Christian vision continues to drive forward developments of XXXXXXXX as a Church of England school?
- How is our Christian vision lived out by leadership at all levels – personally, strategically, operationally?
- How do all our stakeholders (LA, MAT, Parents, Church, Governors) recognise the importance of our Christian vision in helping us identify our next steps?
- How has your school's Christian vision enabled the school community to flourish during the period since March 2020?
- How did we draw on/maintain collective worship and RE during the period of lockdown and how did these areas support us in living out our vision?

Impact of your Christian vision during the pandemic

Each school's response to the pandemic will have been determined by DFE guidance, and like your school's Christian vision, will have been matched to your context.

A school's Christian vision will often include an explicit reference to God or Jesus or to central Christian concepts and/or Christian values. It often includes a biblical reference. However it is stated, it's important that the vision, is 'unpacked', and relates Christian beliefs and practice to the educational life and development of the school. How is your vision expressed in school policies and the life of the school as a whole? Does your website shout out that you are a Church of England School?

What follows are a couple of ideas to help you reflect on the impact that your Christian vision has had in helping to sustain your school's distinctiveness, how it has been a driving force during the pandemic and how it will guide you in the future.

- Take strands 1 – 5 of the SIAMS evaluation schedule and simply ask, 'How, during the pandemic, we have sustained the vision and how has the vision sustained us?'
- Think too, about how collective worship (strand 6) and RE (strand 7) remained a high priority during this time.

Appendix

A possible summary statement that outlines how your school's Christian vision has sustained and guided you during the pandemic and hopefully into the future

(Agreed by governors and could be used as supplementary evidence to your self-evaluation.)

Our Christian vision is:

(Short and snappy ... recommend to be no more than 50 words ... is it Biblical?)

During the lockdown period our Christian vision sustained us and helped us prioritise our Christian service to our school community by pupils and their families by:

(3 or 4 bullet point examples)

In the period since September 2020 our Christian vision continues to sustain and help us by:

(3 or 4 bullet point examples)