

NAME OF COMMITTEE:	STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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SUBJECT:	Summary of Section 48 Inspections in Lincolnshire schools
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IS THE REPORT EXEMPT?	No
IS THE REPORT CONFIDENTIAL?	No

SUMMARY: The report summarises the positive features and areas for development in those Church schools where a Section 48 Inspection has been carried out between in the autumn term 2008.

DISCUSSION: The National Society for the conduct of Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools (SIAS) under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005 has incorporated changes in the structure and emphasis that reflect current educational practice in schools and broader developments in school inspections. The framework for Section 48 Inspections provides a process for evaluating the extent to which Church schools are distinctively and recognisably Christian institutions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted

APPENDICES – None

BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following background papers, as defined in the Local Government Act 1972, were relied upon in writing this report.

PAPER TYPE	TITLE	DATE	ACCESSIBILITY
Section 48 Inspection Report		February 2010	The Diocesan Education Centre, Lincoln

**SECTION 48 INSPECTION REPORT
LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

January 2006 to February 2009

- In Lincolnshire there are 115 Church of England primary schools and 4 Church of England secondary schools.
- Since the Section 48 inspection process began in January 2006, all primary schools and all 4 secondary schools have been inspected once and the 2nd cycle is now well under way.
- The table below shows the breakdown of Section 48 grades for the overall effectiveness of the school as a Church school. It also provides a comparison with the overall effectiveness grades made by OfSTED in the Section 5 inspection and the additional grade for the school's capacity for sustained improvement. Generally the grades in Section 48 inspections are higher than those given by OfSTED; this is due in part to the fact that the areas of focus in the two inspections are very different. Ofsted inspections now focus very much on leadership, management, teaching, learning and particularly standards of attainment (Framework September 2009) whilst Section 48 looks at how distinctive and effective the school is as a Church school. It is only when the Section 48 report sits alongside the Ofsted report that a full and complete picture of a Church School is really provided.
- The difference in grades between Section 48 and Ofsted Section 5 mirrors the picture seen nationally.

SECTION 48 (First Cycle) & OFSTED INSPECTION GRADES

LINCOLNSHIRE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOLS

Inspection Grade	OfSTED Section 5 Overall Effectiveness Number of Schools	Section 48 Overall Effectiveness Number of Schools	Grade for Collective Worship	Grade for Religious Education
Outstanding (Grade 1):	12	32	26	7
Good (Grade 2):	60	68	72	14
Satisfactory (Grade 3):	42	18	20	5
Inadequate (Grade 4): Notice to Improve Special measures	3 2	1	1	1

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SECTION 48 (Second Cycle) and OFSTED INSPECTION GRADES and CAPACITY FOR SUSTAINED IMPROVEMENT GRADES

S48 Inspector	School Details	OfSTED S5 Overall Grade	Capacity to Improve	S48 Overall Grade	CW	RE
Dione Yegliss	Barkston and Syston CofE Primary School	2		1	1	2
Jackie Sheldrake	Baston Church of England Primary School	2		2	1	NA
Ian Robinson	Binbrook Church of England Primary School	2		1	1	NA
Roger Moore	Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Primary School	3		1	1	1
Meg Hackney	Butterwick Pinchbeck's Endowed Church of England Primary	3		2	2	2
Paulette Bissell	Caistor CofE & Methodist Controlled Primary School	2		1	1	1
John Pryor	Claypole Church of England Primary School	3		2	2	
Lizzie McWhitter	Cowbit St Mary's Endowed Aided Primary School	3	3	2	2	2
Bob Fish	Fiskerton Controlled Primary School	3	3	2	1	NA
Rev'd. John Pryor	Gainsborough Parish Church Primary School	3		2	2	2
Ian Wiles	Grantham Harrowby Church of England Infant School	2		1	1	2
Patricia Ruff	Grantham Little Gonerby Church of England Infant School	2		2	2	2
Roger Moore	Grantham Spitalgate Church of England Primary School	3		3	2	NA
Roger Moore	Horbling Brown's Church of England Primary School	2		2	2	3
Fiona Griffiths	Lincoln St Peter-in-Eastgate Church of England Infants School	1		1	1	
Bob Fish	Market Rasen Church of England Primary School	3		1	1	
Peter Riches	Martin Mrs Mary King's Church of England Primary School	2		2	2	NA
Bob Fish	Newton-On-Trent CofE Primary School	3		2	2	NA
Roger Moore	Rauceby Fdt VC School	2		1	1	NA
Yvonne Shaw	Saltfleetby CofE Primary School	2		1	1	NA
Ian Robinson	Scamblesby Church of England Primary School	2		2	1	NA
Meg Hackney	Spalding Parish C of E Day School	4a		2	3	2
Lizzie McWhitter	Stamford St Gilberts VC	2		1	1	1
Jackie Sheldrake	Stickney Controlled Primary School	3	3	2	2	NA
John Pryor	Tattershall Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School	2		2	2	NA
Judy Dickin	The Billinghay Church of England Primary School	3		2	2	NA
Greg Marsden	The Nettleham Church of England Voluntary Aided Junior School	2		2	2	1
Bob Fish	The Saxilby Church of England Primary School	4a		3	2	NA

Jackie Sheldrake	The St Margaret's Church of England School, Withern	2		1	1	NA
John Pryor/ Michael Green	Welton William Farr	1		1	3	NA
Roger Moore	William Lovell Controlled Secondary School	2	2	1	1	NA
John Pryor	Burgh le Marsh St Peter and St Paul	2	2	2	2	N/A
Judy Dickin	Digby CE Primary	2	2			
Peter Riches	Spalding Parish C of Day School	3	3	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Skellingthorpe St Lawrence	3	3			
Lizzie McWhirter	Weston Hills CE Primary School					
Fiona Griffiths	Coningsby St Michael's Church of England Primary School					

Grades	Sec 5		Sec 48	CW	RE
1	2	0	13	15	4
2	18	3	17	15	7
3	13	5	2	2	1
4a	2	0	0	0	0
4b	0	0	0	0	0
	35	8	32	32	12

NOTES:

- In the Autumn Term 2007, it was agreed by the Diocesan Board of Education that individual members of the Section 48 Inspection Committee would report on the schools that had experienced a Section 48 inspection during the previous term. This process of report reviewing is further supporting the quality assurance process.
- The reports that are detailed below were brought to the Section 48 Inspection Committee in the Autumn term 2009.
- Full versions of the Section 48 reports can be downloaded from:
 - the National Society website (www.natsoc.org.uk)
 - or by contacting the Diocese (david.clements@lincoln.anglican.org)
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Baston Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Baston Church of England Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

Christian values underpin all aspects of school life successfully guiding and enriching a deeply caring and inclusive environment. Pupils, parents, staff and governors are confident and committed partners in this achievement.

Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Blyton cum Laughton Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School as a Church of England school are outstanding.

This is an outstanding church school that is strengthened by a strong and supportive partnership with the local churches. Under the strong, caring and enthusiastic leadership of the headteacher Christian values underpin all aspects of the life of this school providing a caring ethos in which pupils flourish. The strong Christian ethos permeates all aspects of school life and is consistent across both school sites.

Claypole Church of England Primary School.

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Claypole Church of England Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

This is a good example of a church school very successfully continuing a long tradition of serving its local community with style, imagination and commitment. It provides a well rounded education, including outstanding musical provision, to meet the diverse needs of all its pupils. The well founded, unaggressive and widely shared inclusive Christian vision underpins everything the school attempts and achieves, and makes it a pleasant place to be in.

Cowbit St Mary's [Endowed] Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Cowbit St Mary's as a Church of England school are good

This is a good church school whose vision is that, '*the children leave our school from a point of strength, able to meet the challenges ahead, both academically and personally and draw strength from their Christian faith.*' The school community lives out its aims within a strong Christian ethos, based on its Anglican foundation. In a spirit of striving for excellence and enjoyment, a good education for all pupils is achieved.

Fiskerton Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Fiskerton Church of England School as a Church of England school are good

This school views the nurturing of each individual as paramount. The result is a school with a vibrant and caring Christian ethos that encourages and enables all to flourish. Relationships are good and there is a real sense that everyone works together in an atmosphere of Christian cooperation. There is an air of calm security throughout, characterized by the manner in which children and adults relate to one another.

Gainsborough Parish Church Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Gainsborough Parish Church of England Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

This is a good school with a long and proud tradition of serving the community alongside the church; It is committed to recognizing the worth of every individual and, far as it is able, to meeting their needs as people with physical, intellectual and spiritual needs.

Harrowby Church of England Voluntary Aided Infant School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Harrowby Infants as a Church of England school is outstanding.

The school's Christian ethos permeates every aspect of school life. Learners and staff are valued as individuals enabling them to develop in a spiritually stimulating, safe and tolerant atmosphere.

Little Gonerby Church of England Infant School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Little Gonerby Church of England Infant School as a Church of England school are good.

The school has a well established Christian ethos which permeates in all that it does creating an inclusive environment in which pupils feel safe and secure enabling them to flourish. There is a clear sense of direction, under the leadership of the headteacher, demonstrating the school leadership has the capacity to engage with identified distinctive Christian values to further develop the vision for the school.

Horblin Brown's Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Brown's Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

This is a good church school that is strengthened by a strong and supportive partnership with the local church. Under the enthusiastic leadership of the headteacher Christian values underpin all aspects of the life of this school providing a caring ethos in which pupils flourish. Parents are very supportive of the school and value the care and support provided for the pupils.

Market Rasen Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Market Rasen Primary School as a Church of England school are outstanding

This school has managed to build, very effectively, on its distinctive character as a Church of England school. This has been nurtured by the headteacher who leads a school characterised by the desire to support each individual in a safe and stimulating environment. It is a school that bases its mission upon Christian ideals and principles; a school with Christian love at its core, where children know they belong.

Martin Mrs Mary King's Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Mrs Mary King's Church of England Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

The school has a secure place as a Christian establishment within the community. Children are very happy to come to school, and their families are happy for them to do so. Excellent relationships which illustrate the values the school holds are demonstrated on a daily basis by the staff, ably led by the headteacher. These values equip the children with the tools for their development now, and in the future.

Stickney Church of England Primary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Stickney Church of England Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

Working to meet pupils' individual needs and develop their potential within a Christian community drives school improvement. The school successfully promotes its Christian ethos encouraging and respecting the contributions and achievements of pupils, parents, staff and governors.

William Lovell Church of England Secondary School

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of William Lovell as a Church of England school are outstanding

Key Christian beliefs underpin all that the school does to provide an environment in which all are individually nurtured and developed. The school clearly lives out its Christian foundation on a day to day basis.

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