



Feedback on both the Ofsted and S.48 (denominational) inspections from last term has been positive. Schools in the diocese have reported that the process has been less stressful and that the shorter reports have proved to be helpful. This has mirrored the national picture. Reports are available on the Ofsted website ([www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk)) and S.48 reports are being posted on the National Society's website ([www.natsoc.org.uk](http://www.natsoc.org.uk)) from which all the inspection documentation can be downloaded.

The National Society has established a consultative group which is monitoring S.48 inspections and any feedback that you wish to give on any aspect of the denominational inspection is welcomed. Please send any comments to Geoff Edwards who will pass them on to the group.

The group is already reviewing the inspection Toolkit in the light of feedback already received and is trying to simplify where appropriate and to avoid over duplication of questions. It is probably worth mentioning that completion of the Toolkit as a means of self-evaluation does not have to be done all at once and it should be amended as circumstances change in schools. In this respect the principles are the same as for the completion of the Ofsted SEF, i.e. that self-evaluation is a continuing process.

Some schools are involving colleagues and governors in the completion of the Toolkit and giving groups sections to review and complete. This is helpful in gaining a school-wide view as well as relieving the heads of the burden of completing it all themselves. Foundation governors have an important role to play here in acknowledging their contribution to supporting the Church of England character of the school. What the school says about itself as a church school will be reflected in both the Ofsted SEF and the Toolkit evaluation.

Do contact your link adviser if you would like advice and support regarding S.48 inspection.

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