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Dear colleague,

## **Review of school inspections**

Since taking up post as His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, I have deeply appreciated the support you have provided as I have settled into this significant role. It has been a privilege to meet many of you during this time.

Today, I am writing to share with you some important developments aimed at enhancing our inspection capabilities which I believe you will find encouraging. I am pleased to let you know that we will be undertaking a review of our school inspection approaches to ensure that they reflect changes in educational priorities.

The review will explore various aspects of the school inspection process, including the How Good Is Our School? 4<sup>th</sup> edition framework, activities before, during and following an inspection, and how we report our findings.

This review will involve thorough engagement with stakeholders. We aim to listen to opinions and ideas to understand perspectives on current inspection practices as well what stakeholders envision for the future of school inspections. It is important to us that we hear from a wide and diverse range of voices across the education sector.

We will begin planning the review in detail in the coming weeks and will share our approach and how we intend to engage with you in due course. I will provide further details as they become available.

I am confident that with your continued support and active participation, this review will provide a pivotal opportunity to update our school inspection practices. I want to ensure that school inspections remain relevant, supportive and rigorous, fostering a culture of continuous improvement across Scotland's schools.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I value your input and look forward to your active involvement in the review process.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janie McManus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.

Janie McManus  
His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education