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Dear Sir Michael,

Thank you for the work you and Ofsted officials have undertaken in examining and reporting on the concerns about the Birmingham schools.

In the light of those findings and, in particular, the emerging evidence about schools making changes to lessons in an attempt to hide what is normally delivered, I would like you to examine the feasibility of moving quickly to routinely inspecting schools without notice. I know this is something that has been considered previously and that you have already moved to minimal-notice inspections.

In view of the seriousness of these findings and the concerns this raises about keeping children safe and ensuring schools meet their duty to provide a broad and balanced curriculum, I would welcome your advice on the practicalities of introducing unannounced inspections.

Yours,

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