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Dear Mr Noble-Rogers

UCET response to the ITE inspection framework consultation

Thank you for your letter of 17 March 2020 to Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman, in which you contribute UCET's response to the ITE inspection framework consultation. I have been asked to respond in my capacity as National Director, Education.

In preparing to publish a new ITE inspection framework, the consultation process is essential if we want to make sure the views of the sector are heard. Please thank your members for the time they have devoted to considering the proposed framework. Thank you, also, and please thank any others who collated the responses.

Your response is, as you say, 'balanced and fair'. It identifies a number of positive areas of the proposed consultation. Equally, you have identified some potentially negative aspects of the proposed new framework that we will consider when finalising.

I appreciate you taking the time to go through the wording of the combined framework and handbook and highlighting areas where, perhaps, there could be more clarity. Your comments are very helpful.

Let me reassure you that the next stage of the process is to reflect on all the consultation responses to ensure that the final framework and handbook is fit-for-purpose across the whole sector.

On another note, I wish that you, and your members, stay safe and healthy during these very difficult times.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Harford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

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National Director, Education