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Dear Dr Miller

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2015.

I note your concerns about the timetable for the appointment of a National Lead for religious education. Whilst I understand your interest in an early appointment to this role, it is important that we complete a full review of the roles of the National Leads in preparation for September 2015, to ensure that these are consistent with and support Ofsted's strategic priorities.

In the meantime, I can assure you that our inspectors are fully trained in all aspects of inspection and we do have colleagues overseeing inspection work in this area.

Thank you once again for your interest in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Coffey", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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