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Dear Ms McKenna

**ST MARK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL**

HM Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) inspected St Mark's Primary School in June 2007. The ensuing report, published in October 2007, highlighted a number of areas where improvement was required, including:

- the balance and structure of the curriculum and pupils' learning experiences;
- attainment in English language and mathematics;
- meeting needs by challenging all pupils more consistently and supporting all pupils, particularly those with additional support needs;
- approaches to assessing and recording pupils' progress in key areas of the curriculum;
- accommodation as highlighted in this report; and
- leadership and self-evaluation, including approaches to improving the work of the school.

As a result, HMIE decided that inspectors would undertake a follow-through inspection of the school, within two years of the published report. A report on that inspection was published in October 2008. It was decided that a second follow-through inspection was required. This report was published in February 2010. In this report, it indicated that HMIE would carry out a further visit within one year. In the meantime, however, a decision has been made to close St Mark's Primary School with children being integrated into other primary schools, including St Paul's (Shettleston) Primary School and St Timothy's Primary School. As a result of this decision, we concluded that a full follow-through inspection would not be appropriate.

As a result of this school consultation visit to the school in March 2010, and the evidence provided, it is likely that the closure will lead to educational advantage for children at St Mark's Primary School or likely to have entered the school over the next two years.

In conclusion, the school and education authority had made appropriate progress overall towards addressing the main points for action identified in the HMIE report of October 2007. Capacity for improvement had increased since the time of the original inspection.

I would very much appreciate if the contents of this letter could be shared with staff and parents.

I wish all involved in the school community every success in future developments.

Yours sincerely



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HM Inspector

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