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Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED REPORT

I am pleased to enclose the final report from our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspection was an Ungraded (Section 8) Inspection to ensure that our school is a good school. Ofsted have confirmed that we remain a Good school. I know I am biased, but I do believe that we are a brilliant school. The work and commitment that has been put into making our school the place it is, has been recognised, although in a brief summarised way, in this report.

We are pleased that Ofsted have recognised how brilliant our children are and how much they enjoy school and look after each other, and we are also pleased that they have recognised the tremendous hard work of our staff and governors over the last two years, in ensuring that the educational experience we offer our children is one that we can have confidence in.

We are also pleased that we were able to contribute to our points for development, as we had identified those ourselves as our next steps to improve our school even more. The Inspector reported to us how confident and knowledgeable our children were when speaking about a wide range of their learning in school, and that was in all subjects.

However, she did report that when children were speaking about concepts in particular subjects, that although they had lots of knowledge, their overall understanding of key concepts was not as clear. So, for example, children may have been able to speak extensively about their knowledge of Rome or Greece, but may not have been able to articulate the concepts of Empire or Monarchy etc. just as well.

In regards to assessment, she had very positive praise in her feedback in our identification of gaps in learning and in our assessment procedures for English and Maths, but that we now needed to extend this further across our wider curriculum. Although this work has already begun, we do recognise that this will be a further point for development. We are pleased that she recognised the tremendous work that staff have put into reformulating our curriculum over the last two years and the fact that it was important to complete that work first.

I would like to thank once again our children for their participation and lead in this inspection. More than any inspection that I have been involved in in the past, the Inspector spoke with a huge number of pupils on a wide range of aspects of school life. Our children are brilliant.



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I would also like to thank our wonderful staff and governors, who show unwavering commitment to our school community. They too are brilliant.
And finally a thank you to you, our parents/carers, and wider school community, for being so overwhelmingly positive about your views on school and for your recognition of the hard work that takes place here at St. Monica's. Dare I say, you are brilliant too!

We are pleased that this Ofsted inspection has now taken place, but we are even more excited now to look forward once more again. We look forward to ensuring we work on those points for development, and look forward to improving our school further and look forward to providing our children with an education that has the child at the centre of everything we do and is one for us all to be proud of.

If you have any questions about the report, or about the points for development or indeed any query whatsoever, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mr Matt Callaghan, Chair of Governors
Mr Mark Doherty, Headteacher



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