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Dear Parents and Carers

We have finally reached the end of this most unusual academic year. This will be the last letter that I write to you until we return to school in September and I would like to express to you all my most sincere thanks for your patience, support and understanding. I can safely say that I have never felt such a strange mix of emotions at the end of term, and I hope that you feel reassured by the plans we have shared with you for our September re-opening. We have arranged for school meal vouchers to be shared as appropriate through email over the summer months.

As your own home school now closes, I am certain the children who have been in your classes will arrange a suitable end of term show of appreciation for you, and I am sure they have behaved themselves. You can relax now safe in the knowledge that OFSTED will not be paying you a home visit in September. I do hope that on the final day of home school tomorrow you choose to keep teaching, and avoid showing videos in your lessons! In all seriousness, I think we should feel proud of how as a community we have dealt with this pandemic. When your child returns to full-time schooling in September we will address any learning gaps and we will get back to the business of learning straightaway. Please do not overly worry about where your child is regarding their subjects. We will do the best we can to get them where they are supposed to be.

I have used this time to also reflect on the journey the school has been on since I started here in January 2019. We have lived through a period of quite significant change, and for all of us this has not always been easy. I do hope that we have restored the faith that you have in our school over the past eighteen months. I have shared with the staff the notion that culture often becomes stronger during times of turbulence and adversity. I am so very proud of how the people who work at St Monica's have risen to the challenges we have faced, and this has been reflected in the kind messages that you have shared with us.

Please enjoy a rest over the summer break, and please reassure your child that all shall be well when they return in September. We will be waiting to welcome your child back – and we are very much looking forward to this.

Thank you, as ever for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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