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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for an excellent start to the school year. Your children look very smart in their new school uniforms and many have proudly shown me their new shoes in the past two days! It's been a joy to see them so eager to start learning with their new teachers.

### **Safety**

In assembly yesterday, I congratulated the children on their smart appearance and reminded them of the rules regarding uniform, including earrings and hairstyles. Earrings worn for school should be of a stud type, just like those with which they had their ears pierced. If children have hair long enough to be tied back, then please ensure they have it tied back for school. I am particularly conscious of these aspects of uniform as the children will soon be participating in many more opportunities for sports activities with our PE specialist, Mrs Lal and I want to be sure that they can participate safely.

Safety at lunchtime has come to my attention in the last two days as some children have brought in pots of grapes for school. This healthy eating is to be encouraged, but grapes are a recognised risk for choking. To minimise this risk, grapes should be cut in half. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

The low wall in the Junior playground seems inviting to climb on, but we instruct the children not to do this. Please can you support the school by reinforcing this message at dropping-off and home time. The play equipment must only be used under supervision by school staff, following a daily check to ensure it is safe. Please do not allow your child to play on this equipment at any other time, they may be at risk of serious injury.

### **Building Progress**

Those of you who live near to the school may have noticed that we have had builders working on site throughout the summer holiday. They have been working to refurbish several classrooms and rebuild the entrance area so that it provides a light, bright and safe space for all our building users. I am pleased with the developments so far as they ensure the children can safely move between classrooms and the hall with ease. Unfortunately, the work has overrun by a couple of weeks and we have had to go back to the paper method of signing in for this temporary period. I look forward to us being fully operational as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience during this interim period.



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## Inspection Report

Shortly before the summer holiday Sacred Heart had two inspections, one by the Diocese, and one by Ofsted. The Diocese were able to provide the inspection report before the summer holidays and copies of this were sent out to you, confirming the view of the previous inspection and that Sacred Heart continues to be an outstanding Catholic school.

Ofsted informed me, yesterday, that the report for Sacred Heart will be published on their website later next week. In the meantime, a copy has been placed on the school website for you to read. You can find this at [www.sacredheartmoreton.co.uk](http://www.sacredheartmoreton.co.uk)

I hope that you will find the time to read this superb report which celebrates the life of the school and the high standard of education and care your children receive at Sacred Heart, as well as supporting the school's drive for improvement. The school has always enjoyed an enviable reputation in the local community and this rightly continues as the report confirms that Sacred Heart "has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection." There are many aspects of the report that are cause for celebration and one that I particularly enjoyed is the statement that:

*"The pupils I spoke to said that they enjoy coming to school and that lessons are interesting. Pupils said how much they like their teachers. One pupil's comments summed up the sentiments of many: "Teachers are the best thing about this school. They're really cool and have a good sense of humour."*

Thank you for all you do to support your child in their education here at Sacred Heart. The Ofsted report is a very positive reflection of our work together with you, and something of which we can all be proud.

I look forward to working, with you, staff, pupils, governors and the wider community, to continue to develop the school further in the months and years to come.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Jackson  
Headteacher