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Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Review Report

We are writing to you in reference to the publication of Ofsted's Review of Sexual Abuse in Schools and Colleges on Thursday 10 June. Ofsted's review involved visits to 32 schools and colleges, speaking to over 900 young people about the prevalence of peer-on-peer sexual harassment and sexual violence, including online, in their lives and the lives of their peers. They also spoke to leaders, teachers, governors, local safeguarding partners, parents and stakeholders.

We welcome this report and will be including the findings in our established PHSE and Values curriculum. We want to assure you that we will be using this report to review our current practices around these kinds of behaviours and any underlying behaviours or education deficits that may act as a stepping stone towards these behaviours. Likewise, we are confident that the continued improvements that we are making in our safeguarding provision and processes will ensure these incidents are continued to be closely monitored and given the attention they deserve.

The recent RSE statutory changes ensure a much more thorough coverage of many of these areas. We are pleased with our curriculum offer that includes opportunities to explore sensitive issues in a safe and calm environment through discrete PHSE lessons, Tutor time activities, ERA days and assemblies, as well as visiting speakers, theatre companies and health professionals. We are using the findings of the report to refine our planning. We would also ask you to look at the draft SRE Policy that is currently on our website for consultation and should you have any issues you would like to raise please join the consultation meeting on Tuesday 29th June 2021, details available on request. Further information can be found in the Safeguarding section of our website along with an email link for you to use to report any issues in a confidential way.

Clearly sexual abuse has no place in our society and we hope that the strong working relationships we share with parents and external agencies mean that together we can all continue to broach these issues with sensitivity and robustness.

At Montsaye we ensure that our values of Excellence, Resilience and Aspiration are at the heart of all we do and through these values we ensure that everyone is treated fairly and with respect irrespective of their gender, race, religion or sexuality we are proud of both the diversity of our school and the community that we serve.

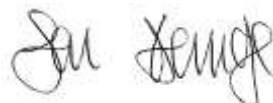
Yours faithfully



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