OVERVIEW

At St Monica’s we have in place, effective strategies for assessment and record keeping providing a continuous record of learners’ achievements and their progress. It provides both summative and formative information and it acts as the basis for passing on information from one stage to the next to make transition smooth. It is also used to keep parents well informed of their child’s progress and achievement through both verbal dialogue and written reports. Parents and learners will be involved in the assessment, record keeping and reporting strategy at appropriate points.

OBJECTIVES

1. To chart each child’s progress and achievement throughout the school and to provide accurate information at points of transition.
2. To assess a child’s development and progress in its work by recording his/her progress and achievements in knowledge, skills and understanding.
3. To record a child’s personal and social progress and achievements.
4. To be the basis of feedback to each child and to help them set individual targets for improvement.
5. To ensure efficient and effective continuity and progression of teaching and learning across the school.
6. To be the basis of clear and accurate reporting of progress and achievement to children, parents and carers.
7. To promote the greater involvement of children and parents in assessment and the teaching and learning process.
8. To assist in the diagnosis and identification of individual and special needs.
9. To ensure common practice throughout the school and to assist in the smooth transition to other schools.
10. To give the Headteacher and other leaders a clear picture of standards, progress and achievement within the school.

STRATEGIES

1. Children’s work should be regularly monitored, evaluated and reviewed. They should be given clear feedback about their strengths and areas for development.
2. Staff should discuss children’s work with them and they should be told about their progress and achievement. Fair and realistic targets for improvement should be agreed and the children should have clear understanding of them.
3. Recording and feedback should be of a positive nature and celebrate the achievements and progress made by our children.
4. Records should be clear, kept simple and easy to understand.
5. Records should include all statutory information.
6. Records should present a broadly based picture of the child, involving all positive aspects of development.
7. Records should develop a profile of the child and might include samples of work and other evidence.
8. Teachers should involve children and parents in assessment and recording as appropriate.
9. Reports should meet statutory requirements and give parents a clear and accurate picture of their child’s progress and achievement in all areas.

OUTCOMES

Assessment is not separate from, but an integral part of, the curriculum plan and its strategies for teaching and learning. Recording achievement recognizes not only the skills and knowledge in written form but also practical skills, social attitudes and personal qualities that represent the wider aims of education. This policy should be read in conjunction with the marking policy and reporting policy.