

Bloxham CE Primary School



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24th September 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 17th September 2024, at the meeting, the minutes of our meeting on 16th July 2024; were approved and are now available on the [Governors' page of the school website](#) along with useful information about governance at your school.

Our meeting began with a presentation from Mrs Baldwin in her Science leadership role; governors heard about the new initiatives and progress made in this important area this year. Governors asked Mrs Baldwin questions as part of their role to support and challenge the school leadership. Governors were pleased to hear about the work in this important area, the progress we have made the and the plans for the next steps which Governors were assured would deliver the further improvements we aim to make.

Governors were pleased to hear that the new term had started positively for the pupils and the new consistent school start time has received lots of positive feedback. This change is having a positive impact on the pupil's education because they are settling into class more smoothly and quickly in the mornings. It was also reassuring to hear that the building works for the new school hall are taking shape and there has not been a negative impact on pupils.

Governors discussed their recent learning walk across the whole school and noted how exceptional the behaviour was of all pupils in all classes, pupils were clearly engaged in their learning and enjoying what they were doing. The school learning environments were also noted to be very engaging and purposeful which really helps our pupils to engage and learn.

As part of our discussions, we reviewed the School Evaluation Form (a document which sets out the strengths and development areas for the school); governors were pleased that, in conjunction with the LA School Improvement Team and based on a wide range of evidence (including Governor monitoring), the school is graded as Good across all Ofsted areas and Good overall (although we appreciate that Ofsted will no longer give a grading overall in our next inspection). As part of the discussions about the School Development Plan (the document which sets out the school's objectives for the year) governors asked questions about the plans to localise the curriculum to bring greater relevance to the pupils' learning, by linking topics with events and places (past and present) in the local Bloxham area.

Governors were assured that the recent Local Authority Safeguarding Audit did not flag any concerns about safeguarding at Bloxham C.E Primary School. It was clear that it was a high value-add process, providing advice on how to maintain the safeguarding culture at Bloxham which was further reinforced by the Safeguarding Governor based on all her in-school monitoring last year.

Governors at the meeting reviewed the end of year funding reports and this year's strategy for the funding the school receives for pupil premium, SEND and service pupils as well as the funding received for physical education. Governors could see from the evidence that the funding has been used effectively to have a positive impact on our pupils and that the school has good strategies in place this year to ensure a continued positive impact.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have one parent governor position vacant which is open for nominations, to find out more and submit a nomination please review the details on the [governance page](#). We also have a vacancy for a co-opted Governor – please help us to fill these by sharing the details on the [governance page](#) with family, friends, and any professional networks you have. It is important that we have these positions filled and have a Governing Board with a good range of skills and experiences which will ensure that our governance is robust and sustainable and that the school will continue to develop and improve.

We know that it takes a whole community to raise a child and so your continued support and engagement is key to achieving success for the children. As a school community, we all have a common goal *to ensure our school is the very best it can be, that our children are happy, love school, thrive and leave our school as well-rounded individuals, ready to face the challenges ahead.* As such, we must be role models for the children and every day through our actions and behaviours live up to our [school Christian values](#).

If you would like to know more about governance at your school or would like to contact me, please email me on: chair@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk

Best wishes,



Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors