



Bloxham C of E Primary School

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21st July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 18th July 2023 for our last meeting of the academic year; at the meeting, the minutes of our meeting on 5th May 2023 were approved and are now available on the [Governors' page of the school](#) website along with other useful information about governance. Please note that over the summer holidays the website will be updated to include further updated governance information.

The meeting covered a wide range of topics and governors approved all the key documents to ensure that we have all elements of legally compliant and best practice governance in place for September 2023.

Governors were pleased to approve our new school values following a significant process of community engagement and feedback (thank you to all who took part). Our new school values are:

- Be kind and compassionate.
- Be honest.
- Be curious to learn (and ambitious to succeed).
- Be supported to feel safe.
- Be diverse, equitable and inclusive.
- Be creative.

These values are underpinned by the bible verse: Joshua 1:9

***Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.***

As part of the school community we all have a duty to role model these behaviours.

Governors also gave thanks to all staff and volunteers of the school who have all worked so hard this year to ensure the school delivered rapid school improvement for our children. From my recent governing learning walks and a recent event for governors to meet with staff and volunteers the team spirit and passion for making our school the best it can be for our pupils was clear. Governors also gave thanks to the many people who have generously donated items to the school and the FOBPS who have done a great job this year; this has made a tremendous difference for our staff and pupils and is highly appreciated.

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Governors also said goodbye to Joan Thomas and Paul Manders who step down from the Governing Board this month; governors shared their thanks and appreciation for their hard work and commitment to the pupils at our school and the positive contribution they have made. We wish them well for the future.

We currently have 2 Parent governor positions vacancies and also have 1 co-opted Governor vacancy which we will run an election for September 2023; it is really important that our community is represented on the Governing Board and that we have a diverse range of life experiences – if you would like to know more, please do email me: chair@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk; If it is not something you are interested in, please do help us to flag the parent vacancy to other parents and share the co-opted vacancy with your networks. It is important that we have parents on the Governing Board and have a good mix of skills, experiences, and perspectives.

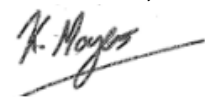
I have only been on the Governing Board for a short period of time but the journey the school is on is clear as are the significant improvements which have happened. We have a robust strategy and plan in place, strong leadership, strong governance, a fantastic team, great levels of support; we have all the ingredients to enable our school to be successful. We will deliver the very best education and experiences for our pupils so they can leave us as well-rounded individuals ready to face the opportunities and challenges of life. I have no doubt that next year will be a great year for our school!

We know it takes a whole community to grow a child and at Bloxham C.E Primary School we have a truly fantastic community. Governors are clear that the success of our school is a whole community effort and so thank you all for your ongoing dedication and support for our school. As a result, Bloxham C.E Primary School is a unique and special place for our pupils and continues to build a positive reputation in our community. Please do continue to share the school's good news with your friends, family, and networks so we can continue our amazing growth and journey together.

Governors would like to wish all our year 6 pupils the best of luck when they start their secondary schools in September 2023 and wish you all a lovely summer; we look forward to continuing the journey with you next term.

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