



Be . Build . Become

'Encourage one another and build each other up.' Thessalonians 5:11

15th December 2025

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 20 October 2025 to review progress across the school and to celebrate the excellent work taking place across all areas of school life. We also met on 24 November 2025. Minutes from our meetings on 17 September and 20 October have been approved and are available on the Governors' page of the school website, alongside helpful information about governance at Bloxham CE Primary School.

At our October meeting, governors reflected on the recent SIAMS (Church School) inspection, which confirmed that Bloxham CE Primary "is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish." The report highlights the care, inclusivity and compassion that define our community, recognising that all pupils — including those with special educational needs and disabilities — are thriving both socially and academically. Inspectors also praised the strength of leadership and teaching, noting that decisions about curriculum, staffing and SEND are "thoughtful" and "timely," and that worship is "uplifting and enriching," supported by strong partnerships with the church, diocese and local authority. The report also notes that several development areas identified by Ofsted have already been successfully addressed, reflecting the school's commitment to continuous improvement.

Governors also received a presentation from Mr Arzberger about the positive impact of the restructured Key Stage 1 provision. The team-based approach is already helping pupils to grow in confidence, independence and enjoyment of learning, and parent feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The Governing Board extends sincere thanks to Mr Arzberger and the whole KS1 team for their fantastic work and the difference it is already making.

At our November meeting, governors received a presentation from Mr Olly Sorrell, PE and Sports Lead, and were pleased to hear about the excellent progress in this area. It was encouraging to learn how the school's approach is increasing pupils' interest and participation in sport, while ensuring a truly inclusive offer so that all children can benefit from physical activity and the wellbeing it supports.

Governors also reviewed the results of the staff wellbeing survey. We would like to recognise and thank all staff for their hard work and dedication in ensuring that pupils have the very best experiences and outcomes at Bloxham. We were also pleased to hear about the range of wellbeing initiatives in place to support staff.

In addition, governors approved:

- a revised Behaviour Policy, clearly linked to health and safety, safeguarding, and the promotion of a safe and positive school environment; and
- the school's Environmental Sustainability Plan, reflecting our shared responsibility to reduce the school's impact on the environment and to continue improving how we do this.

Governors would like to thank all those involved in the working group for their work in this important area.

Governors were also pleased to discuss the work of the Pupil Parliament and how well it is supporting pupil voice across the school. We are looking forward to meeting representatives next term, when they will join the start of a Full Governing Board meeting to share their experiences and priorities.

At our October meeting, we noted the successful implementation of the Insight tracking system, which provides timely and accurate information about pupil progress. Governors welcome this as an important step in strengthening how we identify support and challenge, so that every pupil can reach their full potential.

As we look ahead, there is much to look forward to — from performances and celebrations to opportunities for reflection and giving. Governors look forward to joining the community for the Christmas events that showcase the joy, creativity and togetherness that define Bloxham.

Our school value this term has been Caring — a quality that feels especially important in today's world, where words and actions (including online) can have a lasting impact. As adults, we all play a role in modelling kindness, respect and consideration, both in person and on social media. By working together, we can help our children grow into compassionate and thoughtful young people who use their voices positively. Next term, our focus will be Ambition, encouraging pupils to believe in themselves, strive for their best and approach challenges with confidence and determination.

At Bloxham, we know it truly does take a whole community to raise a child. Every member of our school family — pupils, staff, parents, carers, governors, and our church and community partners — plays an essential part in helping children thrive. Through living out our Christian vision, "Encourage one another and build each other up," and our iCATCH values of inclusion, care, ambition, trust, creativity and honesty, we continue to make a positive difference for every child.

On behalf of the Governing Board, thank you for your ongoing commitment, positivity and support.

We wish all staff, volunteers, parents, carers and children a very happy and restful Christmas and end-of-year break, and we look forward to January 2026 and another successful term ahead.

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With warm regards,

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