

# Bloxham CE Primary School



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29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024; at the meeting, the minutes of our meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> December 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 Miss Jennings in her Phonics leadership role; governors heard about the new initiatives and progress made in this important area this year. Governors asked Miss Jennings questions as part of their role to support and challenge the school. 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 reviewed the recent external report from our LA School Improvement Officer who came in to conduct a school review. The report was positive and reflected the multiple improvements which have been made across the school, the impact this is having and made suggestions (which we have adopted) to enable us to continue towards achieving our objectives in the School Development Plan. Lead Governors reported on their recent school visits and learning walks which included staffing, finance, Health, and Safety and Learning and Teaching. Governors fed back that the visits had been very positive and remarked on the good behaviour and engagement of our pupils and the improvements in the pupil's learning environments which can be seen across all classes. It was also positive to see the many new books purchased for the school leaders and the posters which celebrated diversity and female role models for our pupils. All pupils spoken to during the Teaching and Learning visit reported that they are happy at school, have a friend and were able to articulate what they were learning and to share their insights and all staff members asked were clear on who to report safeguarding concerns. The governor visits provided clear evidence of the progress the school is making as well as the openness of colleagues and the team spirit and positive culture within school.

We also reviewed our Safeguarding action plan following the submission of our annual S175 Safeguarding Audit which will ensure we are continually reviewing and improving our safeguarding practice to maintain our strong safeguarding culture across the school with robust systems, policies, and procedures in place.

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 the 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](mailto:chair@bloxham-pri.oxon.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a horizontal line underneath it.

**Kevin Moyes**  
**Chair of Governors**