

Bloxham CE Primary School



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20th March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 19th March 2024; at the meeting, the minutes of our meeting on 20th February 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 Swan in her R.E leadership role; governors heard about the R.E provision within school. It was clear to governors the school covers a wide range of religions to ensure our pupils are aware of different faiths. Pupils are given the opportunity to learn about different faiths with sessions starting with a big question for pupils to explore. Governors were struck by the level of thought and care which is put into planning the approach (inline with our school values) and it was clear that our approach is driven by the utmost respect of different views and beliefs with discussions framed as 'some people believe' and that our pupils have complete freedom to ask questions and explore the different religions to increase their understanding.

Governors completed a review of progress against our school improvement plan including a review of all external notes of visit across all school improvement areas triangulated with governor knowledge based on our monitoring visits and other monitoring activities. It is clear from the evidence that the school has made rapid school improvement across our priority areas, as a result the formal support from the Local Authority (LA) including leaders and Governors being required to attend LA strategy meetings will soon come to an end. Governors were also pleased to hear that some of our SEND documentation which supports colleagues in adapting our curriculum to the needs of different pupils is now being used as an exemplar by the Local Authority – a real testament to our work in this area.

Governors also discussed the budget setting process which is underway to set our 2024/25 budget, despite the significant external pressures and challenges for schools we were pleased that our budget continues to be managed effectively and is aligned to our school development to ensure we continue to focus our spend on the areas which will make the most difference to our pupils and that we will continue to have a balance budget in the next financial year.

At our meeting Governors agreed the appointment of Sarah Choa as a Co-Opted Governor: Sarah is an Audit Assistant Manager for Deloitte and brings a wealth of experience which will complement the skills and experiences of the other governors on the Governing Board – we will add her full biography to our website shortly. Governors would also want to say farewell to Alex Grey who has stepped down from the Governor Board and to thank him for his contribution to the school during his tenure.

Governors also discussed the recent Kilvrough Manor Trip which was clearly a big success for our pupils; it was lovely for Governors to hear about all the activities the pupils undertook and the real sense of support for each other (and some of our staff) to take part in the activities as well as the richness of their learning during the time away.

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

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Moyes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors