



Be . Build . Become

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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are proud of the school your children attend, and it is clear from our recent Ofsted inspection that Bloxham is a good place for them to learn and grow. Inspectors recognised how much the school has changed since 2022, noting that “pupils live out the school’s values of ‘inclusive, caring, ambitious, trustworthy, creative and honest’” and are “highly respectful of each other.” They also praised the wide opportunities available, writing that pupils “benefit from an extensive range of opportunities to understand the world around them... They develop into mature and respectful young people.”

The inspection judged Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Early Years Provision all to be **Good**. Inspectors said “staff are proud to work at the school. They feel valued and supported in their roles” and confirmed that governors “work closely with the school and have increasingly positive impact.” Children in Reception were described as “curious, excited to learn and prepared well for key stage 1.”

This recognition shows that the culture of the school has been transformed. Your children are safe, cared for, and benefiting from an ambitious and inclusive environment. The leadership team, governors, and Local Authority (LA) are united in their confidence that these changes will continue to secure success for every pupil.

We recognise that some aspects of a school transformation take time to embed, and that the staffing challenges of 2024/25 inevitably had an impact. In their verbal feedback, Ofsted acknowledged that the school had already achieved many of the requirements for **Good** in Quality of Education; however, they felt that some areas still required further improvement. Governors and the Local Authority do not believe this is an accurate reflection of the school’s position or of the progress that has been made. As part of the inspection, Mr Singleton and I shared the revised planning with inspectors to evidence the work prepared for 2025/26, alongside the Local Authority’s notes from the multiple visits they had carried out, which saw and noted **Good** Quality of Education in practice. **The Local Authority have been clear that they consider Quality of Education should have been rated Good, and their confidence in the school is such that Bloxham has now been removed from the list of strategy schools.**

The Ofsted handbook itself is clear in Paragraph 254: *“Inspectors will also bear in mind that developing and embedding an effective curriculum takes time... If leaders have an accurate, evaluative understanding of current curriculum practice in their school and have identified appropriate next steps... inspectors will evaluate ‘intent’ favourably.”*

While the report is subject to a formal complaint relating to process and inspector conduct, it is important to note that Ofsted’s **Good** judgement for Leadership and Management demonstrates their confidence in the school’s capacity to continue improving. With this strong foundation, and with your support, we are determined to build on the progress already made and ensure that Bloxham CE Primary School continues to give every child the very best.

This progress has only been possible because of the hard work and dedication of our staff, supported by governors and pupils, and the continued encouragement of you, our parents. We are proud that Ofsted recognised this, concluding that “staff are ambitious for all pupils... Staff know each pupil well. This helps pupils to feel safe, cared for and ready to learn”.

Yours sincerely,
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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors