

Bloxham CE Primary School



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18th December 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 12th December 2023; at the meeting, the minutes of our meeting on 13th November 2023 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 Akers in her English and Reading leader role; governors heard about the new initiatives and progress made in this important curriculum area this year. Governors asked Mrs Akers questions and heard from governors who had been into school to talk to the children about reading; it was clear that there is a real love and passion for reading across the school which will make a real difference to our pupils.

Lead Governors reported on their recent school visits and learning walks which included maths, reading, pupil parliament, safeguarding and SEND. Governors fed back how positive these visits had been with a clear demonstration of the progress the school is making. Governors reported how good pupil behaviour was across the school and the high level and quality of engagement with the pupils during their visit (who were all clearly very positive about the school and their education). Governors also reported on the work the school has been doing on Anti-Bullying and how this is embedded across the school with all pupils they spoke to saying they are not aware of any bullying but if there were aware of bullying, they would know how to report it and would feel confident it would be dealt with effectively.

We also reviewed progress against School Development Plan (annual school objectives based on priority improvement areas) and were pleased to see the significant actions completed and the progress made so far this year. Governors also heard that the plans for our New School Hall are now just awaiting final Cabinet approval which is fantastic news – more will follow on this in the new year.

We also reviewed and approved the final annual S175 Safeguarding Audit (a tool governors and school leaders complete annually to assess our safeguarding practice across the school). Our Safeguarding Lead Governor supported our Designated Safeguarding Lead with this important piece (and reviewed all evidence) and reported that we have a 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](#).

Finally, we come to the end of the calendar year it is a good time to pause and reflect on the progress the school has made; governors are extremely pleased with the progress we have made and are confident that we now have all in place to ensure the school's continued development and success. The success of our school is clearly down to the hard work and commitment of our colleagues and volunteers in school who are working incredibly hard to deliver the best possible education and experiences for our pupils as well as our parent and carers who continue to support the school – so a big thank you to you all.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas /end of year break, and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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 horizontal line underneath.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors