

Bloxham CE Primary School



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12th March 2024

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Volunteers,

The Full Governing Board met on 20th February 2024; at the meeting, the minutes of our meeting on 22nd January 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 Mr Singleton in his Maths lead role; governors heard about the progress and success of the maths scheme of work – Power Maths which was introduced 12 months ago following a thorough exploration of the best scheme for our school. Governors heard how Power Maths has ensured consistency of language used, has improved practice in planning and the sequence of teaching. Governors also heard about the end of unit assessments which are used to inform teachers of what has been learned and plan next steps. Governors asked Mr Singleton 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 and were assured that we are making good progress.

Governors discussed the school's assessment system (for all subjects) during the meeting and received a presentation on this from Mrs Marshall. The presentation included information on, the aims of assessment, formative and summative assessments, data drops and the recent reviews in Science and Humanities, external moderation, national tests, and assessments, and how Mrs Marshall and her team analyse and use the data to inform next steps and actions for teachers and leaders. This practice ensures we are providing the very best education to our pupils. Governors also discussed other recent monitoring visits in areas including Health and Safety and the effective utilisation of TAs across the school; both visits were very positive and showed good practice is in place. Governors also remarked on how positive their school visits are generally with a great atmosphere in school and an openness and willingness from staff to share their insights and update governors on the work they are doing for the benefit of the pupils.

Governors also heard about the recent fire and lockdown drills which went very well and without any issues and understand that parents/carers supported in making these important drills successful on the day. At the meeting Governors discussed school attendance following a governor monitor visit in this area which continues to improve and explored the systems the school has in place to monitor attendance and support families as well as flagging and focussing on attendance cases which could be linked to safeguarding. Governors were assured of the robustness of the school's approach in this area.

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 stroke extending to the right.

Kevin Moyes
Chair of Governors