



Governor Newsletter

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Governors were asked to share their 'New Year Governance Resolutions', which they think will make them even more effective in their role during 2019.

"Follow the example of our children with growth mindset when I need to grapple with something I find difficult, and say 'I can't do it yet' instead of 'I'm no good at that.'"

"I would love to get into school more, into lessons, assemblies or attending special events. The wellbeing, progress and achievements of the pupils are at the heart of everything we do - and to see them flourishing makes the paperwork and meetings worthwhile."

"Get to some more training events so that my skills and knowledge keep up with the increasing demands of the governor role."

"Ask more strategic and challenging questions during meetings so that governance continues to help the school move forward."

Earlier this month Ofsted launched a consultation on a [new inspection framework](#) that they plan to introduce from the autumn of this year.

The new framework will focus on the breadth of the curriculum being offered and will have separate judgements for 'personal development' and 'behaviour and attitudes'

Governors will be considering the new framework over the coming months.

As part of their ongoing compliance to the new Data Protection legislation (GDPR), that came into force last year, governors have been going back through their electronic and paper records.

Material that should no longer be retained is being securely destroyed and disposed of in accordance with the legislation.

Where necessary material is being securely stored or archived.

During last year ODST undertook a review of the Scheme of Delegation, which sets out what responsibilities and powers have been delegated to schools/local governors.

Following that review, and in response to feedback from governors, a change has been made to the Scheme of Delegation to allow for the appointment of a community governor.

This new role (replacing a Foundation governor) will allow governors to appoint a person with specific skills that they are seeking.

You can find out more about the work of the Governing Board and who the Governors are by looking at the [School website](#) and reading our termly summary of business.

If you wish to contact the governors you can do so via their email address governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk