

Thank you to everyone who completed the feedback form, whether online or as a paper copy, regarding the recrystallizing of the school's vision.

130 stakeholders, including children, staff, volunteers, governors, members of St Mary's Cogges and from the local community shared their ideas.

Governors held an extraordinary meeting to look at all the ideas that had been shared. The governors would like to thank you for your ideas and feedback, many of which emphatically endorsed the school's current vision and work.



All of the words, ideas and reflections that were shared as part of the vision recrystallizing process had been collated and shared with governors prior to their meeting.

The governors began the evening by thinking about the school's strapline, which is used on the school's letterhead.

Alongside that governors also thought about a verse from the Bible that expresses both the ethos and vision of the school.

Having discussed and agreed on a straw man proposal for both the strapline and the Bible verse, Governors set to work looking in detail at all the comments that had been received.

Every word and comment that had been shared by stakeholders had been placed on an individual piece of paper. Governors took handfuls of bits of paper and then individually allocated them under different headings, in line with their straw man proposal.



If you wish to get in touch with the governors you can leave a message with the school office, or you can contact them via governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk

Governors then worked in small groups, rotating around the tables, discussing and refining the information that had been placed there.

Some words and ideas were considered duplications and so were placed to one side. Other ideas were felt, following discussion, to fit better under a different heading and so were moved.

Governors then began to group the remaining pieces of paper into common themes underneath their overarching headings.

At the end of a long, but very fruitful evening, governors had gathered together and organised all of the stakeholder feedback.

Governors were satisfied that their straw man proposal was good and that the stakeholder responses endorsed them.

A new strapline was agreed, which will now appear on all of the school's paperwork and which governors feel expresses what lies at the heart of the school.

A draft vision statement of 50 words has been prepared and is currently being amended by governors – it will be shared with all stakeholders in the autumn.

Further documents detailing the school's vision for the coming years will also be prepared.



At their final meeting of the school year the governors received a report from The Friends detailing all that they have undertaken over the past year.

The governors would like to take this opportunity to express their enormous gratitude to the Friends committee who have worked tirelessly over the year to raise additional funds to support the work of the school, and to wish them all a well deserved summer break.



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