



The Blake CE Primary School
Governing Body Business. Term 4.



Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

In the autumn of 2020, the school will have its next SIAMS inspection. SIAMS inspections take place every five years and prior to the inspection the school must provide evidence against the published framework.

Governors are very grateful to Elizabeth Knowles who, on their behalf, is taking the lead on this and has already provided them with some very useful background reading as well as attending training, meeting with school staff and also with advisors from the Diocese.

A new SIAMS inspection framework is being introduced in September 2019 and so there is a lot of work for staff and governors to do in order to ensure that everyone is well prepared ahead of the inspection in eighteen months' time.

Attendance

At their March meeting governors considered a mid-year attendance report. The report showed that attendance this year is broadly similar to last year and to national levels.

In line with government policy absences are only authorised in exceptional circumstances. Many thanks to those of you who support your children in achieving consistently strong levels of attendance.

British Values

Governors regularly monitor how the school ensures that children are aware of British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance. A full self-assessment was discussed by governors at their recent meeting.

The strong sense of community and the focus on the value of every child that are at the heart of the school means that children are less likely to pursue extremist ideologies.

Parent/carers survey

Full details of the feedback from the parent/carers survey will be shared over the coming weeks, the headlines were shared within the March Governor Newsletter.

Governors discussed the headline feedback and were encouraged that so many of you recognise the special place that the school is, reading the many positive comments was very heartening.

A number of the comments on the school's vision and the ideas for further school improvement were very insightful and will be fed into future discussions.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Policies

Governors have discussed, amended and approved the following documents –

Adverse weather conditions, PE, Access to education for children with medical needs and Positive Behaviour.

In the recent parent/carers survey a number of people indicated that they were not clear how poor behaviour is dealt with. The updated policy sets out how positive behaviour is rewarded as well as how negative behaviour is addressed.

Copies of many school policies are on the [school website](#). Copies of policies not on the website can be requested from the school office.

If you would like to contact the governors you can do so via the school office, or you can email them on governors@blake.oxon.sch.uk