



The Blake CE Primary School
Governing Body Business. Term 5.



Review of Governance

Every term the School's Improvement Advisor from ODST carries out a monitoring visit. During Term 5 the focus of that visit was governance at the school.

Governors completed a self-assessment document and Mr Edwards-Grundy and Dr Fowler (Chair of Governors) then met with the School Improvement Advisor to discuss the document.

Governors continue to reflect on their practice and attend training in order to ensure that they have the skills and knowledge necessary to govern The Blake School strategically.

Our school vision

Governors have spent time looking again at the school's vision and thinking about how this may be recrystallised.

There will be an opportunity for parents to get involved in the process at the Parent's Forum that will take place at 2.15pm on Thursday 6th June in school. For those unable to attend that meeting there will also be an opportunity to contribute your ideas via an online form.

School Development Plan

In the light of feedback contained within the surveys completed to date Mr Edwards-Grundy and the other senior leaders have begun to think about development priorities for next year. Governors are looking forward to discussing these priorities during Term 6.

The budget

Governors have spent a considerable amount of time this term considering the budget for the academic year 2019/20.

Mr Edwards-Grundy and Mrs Shillam (School Business Manager) have been working with the finance team at ODST to explore how to meet the challenges of the current funding situation.

The Governors have now approved a balanced budget, which will be submitted to ODST for their ratification.

Compliance Matters

It is a year since the new data protection legislation (GDPR) was introduced. Governors therefore took the opportunity to review the robustness of school procedures.

Governors also discussed the implementation of the updated Related Party Transactions legislation, which came into force last month. Governors made their own declarations and will be working with the School Business Manager to ensure that this matter is dealt with as required by the legislation.

Policies

Governors have discussed, amended and approved the following documents –

Working Alone, Staff well-being and stress management, intimate care and nappy changing, use of mobile phones and computing (including acceptable user agreements for adults and children)

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