

Wednesday 4th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the school's Ofsted inspection in October 2024, the governing body asked for an independent External Review of Governance to help it reflect on its effectiveness and identify how it could best support the school's improvement journey. The review took place in November 2025, following significant changes and reflections since the Ofsted inspection 12 months earlier. Please find below a summary of that review with key findings and recommended next steps.

Summary of External Review of Governance (ERG)

What the Review Found – Strengths

- Bewdley Primary School has a committed and skilled governing board that is passionate about supporting pupils and staff.
- Relationships between governors, school leaders and staff are positive, respectful and supportive.
- Governors understand their role and are clear about supporting and challenging school leaders appropriately.
- The Chair of Governors provides strong leadership, ensuring the Headteacher is well supported while being held to account.
- Governors take staff wellbeing seriously and recognise the hard work of the school community.
- Systems for training governors and reviewing policies are well organised and effective.

Areas the Governors Are Working to Improve

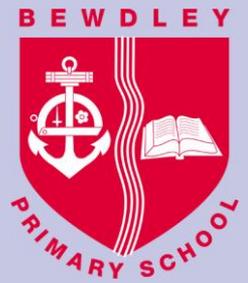
- Making sure governors are even clearer about how well the school is improving over time, using evidence and data.
- Strengthening how governors check the impact of school improvement priorities.
- Improving how governors explain their work and its impact to parents and the wider community.
- Recruiting additional governors to strengthen capacity and bring in new skills.

What This Means for the School Community

Governors are confident about the direction of the school and are committed to:

- Supporting leaders to improve outcomes for all pupils
- Asking the right questions to ensure high-quality education
- Being open, visible and accountable to parents and carers

The governing body will continue to work closely with school leaders and external partners to ensure Bewdley Primary School continues to move forward positively.



Helping everyone to achieve their best

Governors welcome the support of parents and carers as part of this shared commitment to improvement.

Parents can learn more about the governing body on the school's website:

<https://www.bewdleyprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=15>

If you would like to contact the governing body, you can do so by emailing the body's Chair, Mrs Helen Ruffles, at governorchair@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk or by contact the school office.

Kind regards,



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