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Governor visits
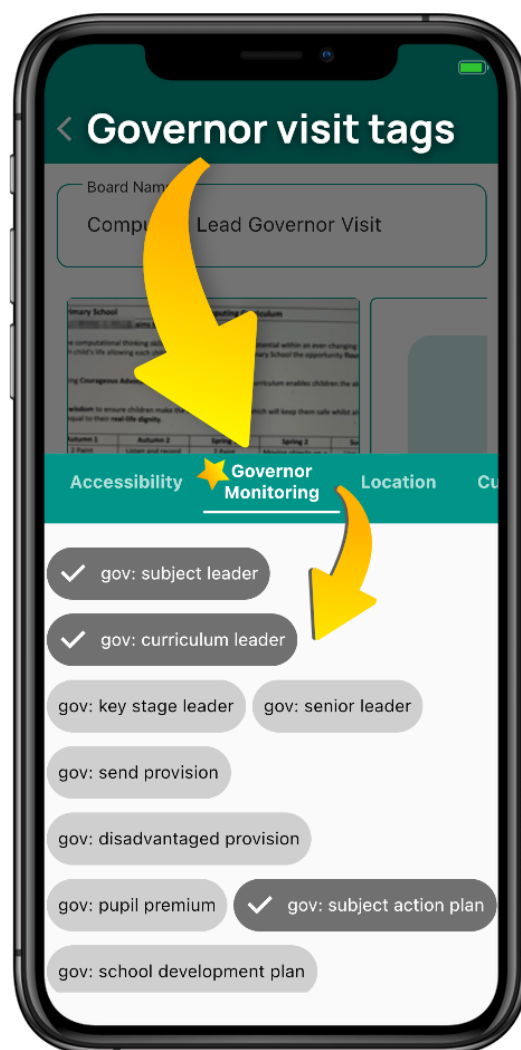
Part of the whole
school monitoring picture

The pitch

Governors visit schools often to see and understand the impact of strategic policy decisions that have been supported at the Board level. They meet subject leaders, teachers, SEND & SLT members in their natural environment.

But linking a conversation during a visit to the strategic areas discussed at governors' meetings can be challenging. People aim to get the most from meeting up together professionally while 'being human' at the same time. Updating governors about a visit to the school is valuable but meetings are far apart, and recollection of the meeting focus and clarity may diminish over time.

Blippit Boards is an app used by subject leaders with a simple scaffold to evidence a governor's school visit. Ready-to-go tags save words and generate charts for monitoring and reporting. A governor can even add a voice note of thanks with photos of related policies or plans shared at the time.
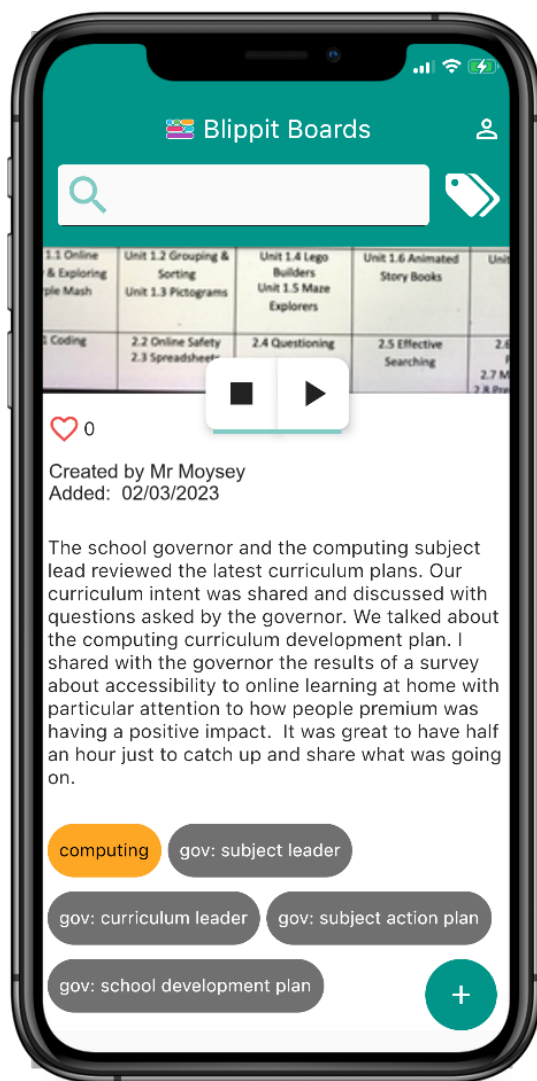
An example governor's visit

A governor and the Computing subject leader meet to talk about curriculum intent. Other topics in the chat included how disadvantaged children were supported by the school during COVID through technology. The Computing Leader had shaped the response with SLT and it surfaced recently at a Governors' meeting.

Together the teacher and governor add a photo or two, apply 'tags' and add a description of the ground covered in their chat. This all helps to support
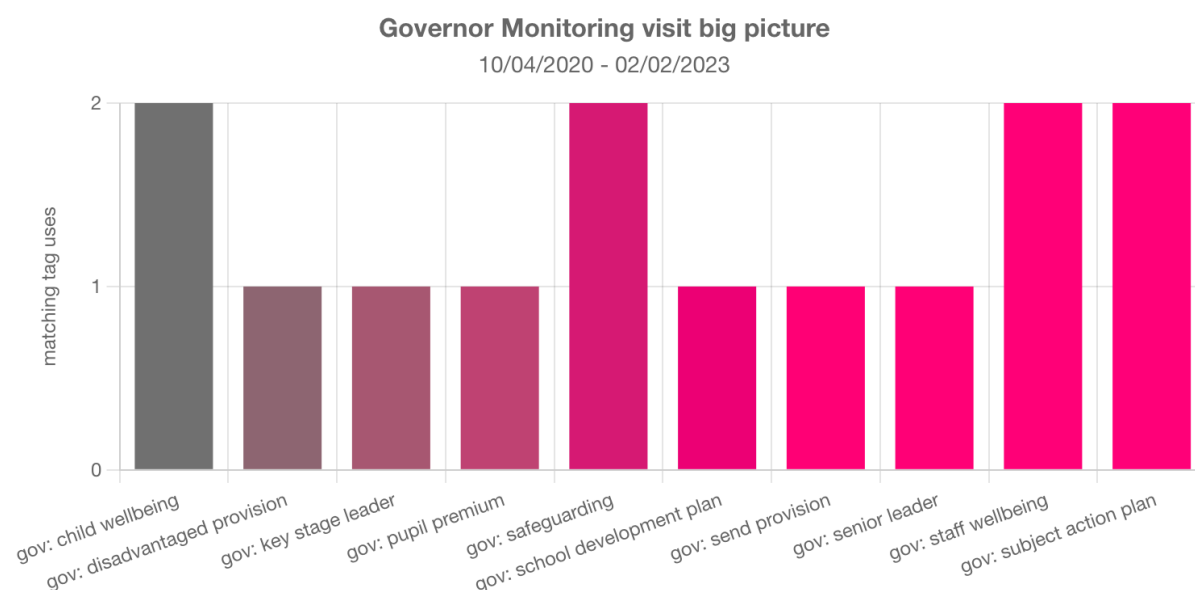
- the governor with accountability
- all staff to understand the role of a school governor & nature of visits
- leadership to monitor and generate a report on governor visits to school as part of wider subject leader monitoring

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Simple monitoring and reporting

Charts update to reflect the activity in the Blippit Boards Dashboard when a visit is captured by the teacher and governor using the app together.

School leaders' evidence and report on governors' visits in real-time to highlight the strategic nature of their work.

Governor Monitoring visit big picture
10/04/2020 - 02/02/2023

As with other boards created by and for subject leaders, teachers get a notification when the board has been added. This supports the sharing of good practise and can help everybody understand the value and nature of a governor on a visit.

Getting started is easy

1. Recording a governor visit that other colleagues can also read in the app and dashboard is helpful. Teachers who add the visit description may want some orientation to help guide their early efforts.

2. Governors and teachers need to agree on which tags reflect the strategic topics of discussion. Governors can log in to the dashboard to review their visit for reference or generate a report if needed.

3. Governors optionally may want a user account to access the dashboard independently but access to the app is not needed.