



Definition of a ‘practising Catholic’

Anyone wishing to become a Foundation Governor within the Diocese of Brentwood must be a practising Catholic who is committed to the Church’s educational mission. Applicants’ eligibility against this criterion will be determined by a reference from their parish Priest (or equivalent) or the parish Priest (or equivalent) where they regularly attend Mass.¹ This reference would need to confirm, to the best of the priest’s knowledge and belief, that:

1. the applicant complies with the obligation to participate in the Mass on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation;
2. the applicant has received the Sacrament of Confirmation;
3. there is no moral or canonical impediment which precludes the applicant from receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist regularly, and that he or she does receive it at least once a year;
4. the applicant provides for the needs of the Church.

In addition, candidates will be asked to confirm on their application form and in their interview that they are practising Catholics.²

¹ This is not required for applicants who are clerics or religious.

² For a fuller exposition of ‘practising Catholic’ see: Mgr Marcus Stock, *Christ at the Centre: Why the Church Provides Catholic Schools*, Revised (London: Catholic Truth Society, 2012), pp.26-34
https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/images/Christ_at_the_Centre_1.pdf