# **Foundation Governor - Parish Priest’s Reference Form**

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| Name of applicant: |  |
| Address: |  |
| School / organisation: |  |

The above-named person has applied to be a Foundation Governor and has nominated you as a referee who can confirm that they are a practising Catholic. As representatives of the Diocesan Bishop, Foundation Governors must be practising Catholics, who are seen to support the Church’s teachings; they must understand the Catholic character of the school and the needs of the Catholic community as a whole, as reflected in the education and pastoral policies of the diocese.

## **Definition of ‘practising Catholic’**

## An applicant for the post of Foundation Governor is a practising Catholic if:

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

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| To the best of your knowledge and belief, does the applicant comply with the definition of a practising Catholic as laid out above? | Yes |  |
| No |  |
| Are you in support of the applicant’s appointment to Foundation Governor? | Yes |  |
| No |  |

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| Print Name (Parish Priest): |  |
| Signature (Parish Priest): |  |
| Parish: |  |
| Date: |  |