



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

*“Supporting Catholic schools to provide excellent education where pupils flourish,
and Christ is made known to all.”*

Admissions Update

Diocesan advice has consistently required the use of CES Model Admissions policies. **This position has not changed.**

Each year however we still get the same questions that arise about admissions and inevitably there is always some uncertainty about the use of the Certificate of Catholic practice.

To be clear the Certificate of Catholic Practice **only needs to be used if the school is oversubscribed with Catholics.**

The governors as the Admitting Authority need to decide if this is the case or not. For the vast majority of schools this will not be too complicated to work out. For a small single entry primary school the margin for error may be less clear.

However, for the avoidance of any doubt the diocesan position is that **if a school is not oversubscribed with Catholics it should, at the next consultation window, look to remove the Certificate of Catholic Practice as a requirement from the school’s admission criteria.**