



BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

Becoming a Foundation Governor in a Catholic School

**“It’s a
stimulating and
rewarding role
which allows me
to give back to
the school that
gave me an
excellent start
in life.”**

**Ian, St Mary’s Catholic
Primary School**



Being a Foundation Governor in a Catholic school is very rewarding and a great way to live out your faith and serve your local community. It is also an opportunity to learn new skills which can have a positive impact on your own self-development.

What Is a Foundation Governor?

Foundation Governors in the Diocese of Brentwood are appointed by the Bishop of Brentwood to represent his education policy in his schools. They preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the schools.

What Do Foundation Governors Do?

As a Foundation Governor, you are a member of the governing body, which is a corporate team. The governing body works with the headteacher to set high expectations and drive school improvement with a focus on:

- preserving and developing the Catholic character of the school on behalf of the Bishop of Brentwood
- setting the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school
- holding the headteacher and leadership team to account
- overseeing the financial performance of the school

What Are The Time Commitments?

The average Foundation Governor role will take up to 10 hours per term including attending one governing body meeting per term and typically, serving on one committee. You will need to be able to attend meetings regularly and have time to read the paperwork and get to know the school well.

You are also expected to demonstrate commitment to fulfilling your role responsibly through ongoing training and development. A range of governor training, including an induction, is available at no cost through the Diocese of Brentwood.

Who Can Be a Foundation Governor?

You must be over 18 and a practising Catholic. Expertise or life experience which will contribute to the success of the school is ideal, but the most important attributes are a passion for school improvement to enable every child to reach their potential and a commitment to playing an active part whilst working as part of a team.

To find out further information about being a Foundation Governor [click here](#).



To Apply

If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our schools, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Sandra Moss, our Governance Development Officer, on email: sandramoss@brcdt.org or governanceappointments@brcdt.org.