



## BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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

### Have you thought about becoming a Foundation Governor in a Catholic school?

**“Putting faith into action using my skills, knowledge and experience in a way that supports the development of our children.”**

*Timothy,  
St Joseph's 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 Bishop Alan to represent his education policy in his school. They preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school.

#### **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 Bishop Alan
- 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 a 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 your ongoing training and development. A range of governor training, including Induction and online learning, are 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](#)

These schools are currently looking for Foundation Governors. Can you help?

- Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary, Walthamstow
- Holy Family Catholic School, Walthamstow
- St Patrick's Catholic Primary, Walthamstow
- St Joseph's Catholic Infant, Leyton
- St Joseph's Catholic Junior, Leyton
- St Mary's Catholic Primary, Chingford
- Trinity High School, Woodford Green

### **To apply**

If you are interested in becoming a Foundation Governor at one of our schools, we would love to hear from you.

Please complete an [application form](#) and return to [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Alternatively, please get in touch if you would like to discuss further [sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or [debbibotham@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:debbibotham@dioceseofbrentwood.org)