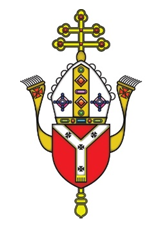
**Parish Priest Reference Pro-Forma**

**Instructions:**

1. Nominated person to send this form electronically to the parish priest

named in the application form.

1. Parish priest to email completed reference to [[nominated](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk) person’s

email address] or if preferred for reasons of confidentiality to

[governors@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk) – please let the school know that this has been done.

Applicant Name:

*Please tick (or add comments) as appropriate.*

In what capacity or capacities?

How long have you known the potential governor / director?

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|  | Yes | No |
| Does the candidate fit the definition of “Practicing Catholic” as set out by the Diocese? (please mark with an ‘x’ in the appropriate box) |  |  |
| Are you aware of any reasons why the potential governor / director should not be considered as a foundation governor / director? (please mark with an ‘x’ in the appropriate box ) |  |  |

*(if you answer “yes” we will contact you in confidence)*

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| Do you consider the potential governor to*: (please put an ‘x’ in the appropriate boxes*) | Yes | No |
| * be suitable to govern persons who have the care of children and young people? |  |  |
| * have the ability to preserve and develop the Catholic character of a school? |  |  |
| * have personal integrity? |  |  |
| * have the ability to prepare for and contribute to meetings? |  |  |
| * have the ability to be a good team member? |  |  |
| * have the ability to observe essential confidentiality? |  |  |
| * have an interest in Catholic education? |  |  |

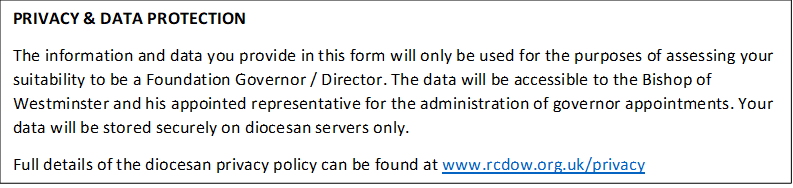
Additional comment or information:

Full Name:

Parish: (Area)

Signature:       Date:

Please email completed reference to [[email](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk) address of nominated person] or, if preferred, direct to the diocese: Carol Campbell [governors@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:governors@rcdow.org.uk) Please let the person who sent you this form know that you have sent it direct to the diocese. Thank you.



Definition of a practising Catholic from Christ at the Centre.

Therefore, for appointment as a member of the governing authority of a Catholic school or to key posts within the school, a ‘practising Catholic’ is to be defined as someone who has been sacramentally initiated into the Catholic Church and who adheres to those substantive life choices which do not impair them from receiving the sacraments of the Church and which will not be in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the religious ethos and character of the school. Inspired by the Gospel and sustained by God’s grace, a ‘practising Catholic’ will give sincere external expression to their interior faith through specific religious, moral and ethical behaviour which is in accordance with the teaching of Christ and the Catholic Church.