

In the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we define a 'practising Catholic' as follows.

A person who:

- is a Catholic by Baptism or Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.
- complies with the obligation to participate in the Mass on Sundays and holydays of obligation.
- is committed to the Church's educational mission.
- lives out one's faith in personal prayer and in action.

Applicants' eligibility against this criterion will be determined by a reference from their parish priest or the parish priest or chaplain where they regularly attend Mass.

For senior leadership posts, candidates will also be asked to confirm on their application form and in their interview that they are practising Catholics. For further information, see: Mgr Marcus Stock, *Christ at the Centre: Why the Church Provides Catholic Schools*, Revised (London: Catholic Truth Society, 2012), pp.26-34:

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