

# AUDIT - CHAIR of GOVERNORS \*



CATHOLIC  
INDEPENDENT  
SCHOOLS'  
CONFERENCE

Key:	Green	Yellow	Red	Possible action(s):
Strength = Green				
Area for Development = Yellow				
Need more information/ Action= Red				
<b>Catholic Ethos</b>				
Familiarity with Catholic Church documents relating to education.				
Knowledge of historical Catholic ethos and context of the school.				
Clarity of school's present day Catholic ethos and mission.				
Knowledge of how the school's current core Catholic ethos and mission impacts on all areas of school life.				
<b>Effective Governance</b>				
Knowledge of the school.				
Experience of being a governor in a Catholic school.				
Understanding of Section 48 inspections.				

Experience of being a governor in an independent school.				
Ability to support the school with strategy.				
Ability to challenge respectfully on matters of strategy.				
Awareness of how the school contributes to Public Benefit (in accordance your charitable objects) in the areas of education, financial support, community engagement, engagement with the state sector, wider community benefit.				
<b>Chair-Specific Areas</b>				
Ensure that Christ and the teachings of the Catholic Church are placed at the centre of the school life (and ensures that the Head receives spiritual support).				
Chair-specific governor training.				
Experience of dealing with dioceses and contributing to a positive relationship with both the parish priest, bishop and support contact with the diocese education leads.				
Experience of dealing with religious orders (if applicable).				

Representing the Catholicity of the school in official public speaking occasions such as Speech Days.				
Developing trust with the Head.				
Commitment (time, availability, accessibility).				
Continuing investment in maintaining and developing relationship with Head.				
Recognition if problems with relationship with Head arise and awareness of what to do to repair the relationship.				
Giving and receiving criticism respectfully.				
Managing differences of opinions and conflicts.				
Delegation				

\* The purpose of this audit is to complement guidance and resources from organisations such as AGBIS and as such does not cover important areas such as compliance, safeguarding etc. This audit may useful for governing bodies in CISC schools to identify extra areas of particular importance to Catholic Independent schools in order to identify potential gaps, construct priorities and participate in training opportunities. For related training for Chairs or Governors please visit: <https://www.schoolleaderstraining.co.uk/courses/governors/cisc-schools/>