

**Church Criteria**  
**CHURCH OF ENGLAND AND METHODIST VOLUNTARY AIDED SCHOOLS**  
**(in which the Governing Body is the employer)**

The following information offers advice regarding the Church criteria.

The requirement is for a "full and active member of a Church in membership of Churches Together in England or of a Church in membership of the equivalent bodies in Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales".

"Full and active" means a regular churchgoer who attends more than once a month, is known to the parish priest / minister and is involved in church activities.

The list of Churches Together in England and its associated bodies can be found on its website: [www.cte.org.uk](http://www.cte.org.uk) Applications will be checked against the current list.

<b>Churches Together in England (January 2014)</b>	
Antiochian Orthodox Church Apostolic Pastoral Congress Armenian Orthodox Church Assemblies of God Baptist Union of Great Britain Catholic Bishops' Council for England & Wales Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches Church of England Church of God of Prophecy Church of Scotland (Presbytery of England) Churches in Communities International Congregational Federation Coptic Orthodox Church Council of African and Afro-Caribbean Churches UK Council for Lutheran Churches Council of Oriental Orthodox Christian churches Elim Pentecostal Church Evangelical Lutheran Church of England Evangeliische Synode Deutscher Sprache in Grossbritannien Exarchate of Orthodox Parishes of the Russian Tradition (Ecumenical Patriarchate)	Free Church of England Ground Level Ichthus Christian Fellowship Independent Methodist Churches International Ministerial Council of Great Britain Joint Council for Anglo-Caribbean churches Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church (Indian Orthodox Church) Mar Thoma Church Methodist Church Moravian Church New Testament Assembly New Testament Church of God Oecumenical Patriarchate Pioneer Redeemed Christian Church of God Religious Society of Friends Ruach Network of Churches Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) Salvation Army Trans-Atlantic Pacific Alliance of Churches United Reformed Church Wesleyan Holiness Church Observer: Seventh Day Adventist Church  The list can be checked on the website at <a href="http://www.cte.org.uk">www.cte.org.uk</a> .

**Guidance for Candidates:**

It is essential that the Diocesan application form is used.

You must give a faith referee, as outlined on the application form. The referee should be your present parish priest / minister. If you do not use him/her, you must give an explanation on the application form or in your letter of application.

You are asked in your letter of application to describe how your previous experience and achievements have helped to prepare you for a post in a Church school. You should give a clear statement of your educational philosophy, its implementation in practice and your commitment to developing the Christian character of the school. You should address the areas shown in the person specification and job description.

Please include any other information you feel would be helpful. Your letter must be clear and concise with well organised views, addressing the specific post in the specific school.

**Other matters.**

The National Society / Methodist Contract of employment will be used.

The relevant section of the contract is as follows:

*As the Headteacher of a Church of England school, you are required to have regard to the Christian character of the School and its Foundation and to undertake not to do anything in any way contrary to the interests of the Foundation.*

*You are required to give and/or supervise the giving of religious education in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England and the Trust Deed of the school.*

*You are required to take part in and lead acts of religious worship.*