

A Parent's right to withdraw their child from RE lessons

Parents and carers have the legal right to withdraw their child from all or part of Religious Education (RE). This right is set out in Section 71 of the **School Standards and Framework Act 1998** and applies to all state-funded schools, including academies.

If you are considering withdrawing your child from RE, the headteacher will offer to meet with you. This meeting is not to challenge your decision, but to ensure the school fully understands your reasons, to explain the aims and content of our RE curriculum, and to explore where learning about religions or worldviews may naturally link to other areas of the curriculum. This helps avoid misunderstandings, as pupils may still encounter references to religion in subjects such as History, English, PSHE or Art — areas from which withdrawal is **not** permitted.

If you choose to proceed, the school will comply with your request. During the period of withdrawal, your child will be supervised safely on site, although the school is not required to provide alternative teaching or additional work.

Requests to withdraw must be made in writing to the headteacher and will remain in place until you choose to