

Religious Education lessons

Parents/carers have a right to withdraw their child from RE. This right to withdraw includes a whole or partial removal from the following:

- Receiving religious education (RE) given in the school in accordance with the school's basic curriculum
- Attendance at religious worship in the school (note: sixth-form pupils can choose for themselves to opt out of religious worship)

The right to do so is set out in section 71(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

We would encourage all parents/carers to ensure that they are aware of the RE syllabus and its relevance to all pupils and respects their own personal beliefs before making any request.

We would also ask that you discuss any consideration to withdraw with colleagues at school before making a formal request, to ensure that you are making a fully informed decision.

Please note that when withdrawing students from RE, you will not be required to provide a reason we just ask that you do from an informed position.

Trips to places of worship

Parents/carers have a right to withdraw their child from any trip that is part of the RE curriculum.

Prior to requesting a student's removal, we would ask that you contact the school so that we can:

- Explain what will happen on the trip, and how it links to the pupil's learning
- Explain any adverse effects on the pupil of not attending the trip, e.g. not getting the opportunity to visit a new place they might not experience otherwise
- Outline how the trip may foster good relations between individuals from different cultures and backgrounds, and explain how the trip fits into the curriculum scheme of work as is in keeping with the Equality Act 2010.