



Right to withdraw

Current concerns with radicalization, extremism, and the worrying rise in Islamophobia, anti-Semitism and other forms of intolerance means that **Religious Education has increased in importance. It is the main vehicle for confronting these issues in order to prepare pupils for life in our multi-cultural society: life in modern Britain.**

As a parent or carer, you may legally request your child to be withdrawn from RE and not have to give a reason for it. Nonetheless, this would be a matter of concern to the school.

So, if you are considering withdrawing your child from RE please reflect the following.

1. Firstly, be aware that Religious Education (Religion and Worldviews) is part of the curriculum. It is a subject that encourages speaking and listening, questioning and discussion. Use of artefacts, art, drama and music makes it a multisensory subject accessible to all.
2. Ask to see the RE syllabus and curriculum. It is difficult for you to make an informed decision without these.
3. Contact the school to arrange a meeting with staff to explore the reasons behind the request and tell us the **alternative provisions for appropriate Religious Education you will provide**. The intention of giving a right for withdrawal was so that pupils could be provided with an alternative form of Religious Education.
4. School has a duty to supervise a child who has been withdrawn from RE, though not to provide additional teaching.
5. The withdrawal of a child from RE will be reviewed yearly.

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