



Withdrawal from RE lessons

Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their children from all or part of the Religious Education in accordance with Schedule 19 to the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

However, we hope that all parents will feel comfortable with the type of religious education being taught in our school. In the first instance, parents who may wish to exercise this right should make an appointment with the Head of Year who will explore any concerns and discuss any impact that withdrawal may have on the child.

We will ensure that parents who want to withdraw their children from RE are aware of the RE syllabus and its relevance to all pupils, and respects their own personal beliefs. Parents will be made aware of the learning objectives and what is covered in the RE curriculum and will be given the opportunity to discuss this, if they wish.

At Park House we will review such a request each year, in discussion with the parents. The right to withdraw should be at the instigation of parents and it should be made clear whether it is from the whole of the subject or specific parts of it. No reasons need be given. Where parents have requested that their child is withdrawn, their right will be respected, and where RE is integrated in the curriculum, the school will need to discuss the arrangements with the parents or carers to explore how the child's withdrawal can be best accommodated.

Once a child has been withdrawn, they cannot take part in the RE programme until the request for withdrawal has been removed.

Providing an Alternative to RE lessons

We have a duty to supervise any pupils who have been withdrawn from RE, but not to:

- Provide additional teaching that is not RE
- Incur extra cost

We will not ask parents/carers to supervise their children if they're withdrawn from RE.

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