

Parental Right to Withdraw from Religious Education

As a Catholic school, Religious Education is a core subject and is central to the life and mission of the school. The Religious Education curriculum is designed to support pupils in developing their knowledge and understanding of the Catholic faith and to foster respect for other religions and worldviews.

In accordance with Schedule 19 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from all or part of Religious Education. Parents/carers who wish to exercise this right are asked to discuss their request with the Headteacher in the first instance, so that the nature, aims and content of the Religious Education curriculum can be fully explained.

Any request to withdraw a child from Religious Education should be made in writing to the Headteacher. The school will make appropriate arrangements for the supervision of pupils who are withdrawn from Religious Education lessons, although no alternative Religious Education provision will be provided by the school.

Parents/carers should be aware that Religious Education is an integral part of the distinctive Catholic character of the school and contributes significantly to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

Further Information: Parents/carers wishing to discuss withdrawal from Religious Education are encouraged to contact the Headteacher for further information about the curriculum and the implications of withdrawal.