



At The Grange Primary School we respect the wishes of parents who would like to exercise their right to withdraw their children from RE lessons. The following procedure will be followed where this is the case.

1. Parents/ carers to review the curriculum content and decide which aspects of the curriculum (or all) they wish for their child to be withdrawn from.
2. Parents/ carers to confirm in writing their wishes and submit to the headteacher.
3. School to offer a discussion to parents to answer any questions should they wish to meet (optional)

Requests to Withdraw a pupil from RE lessons

Parents have the statutory right under Section 71 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 to request their child/ren are wholly or partly excused from:

- RE lessons in accordance with the schools' basic curriculum
- Acts of Collective Worship in schools

As parents, you do not have to provide a reason for requesting the withdrawal. However before exercising any right of withdrawal we would recommend you discuss your concerns with a member of staff.

Important - limitations to withdraw

If pupils are withdrawn from RE, schools have a duty to supervise them, though not to provide additional teaching. A pupil may be required to work in another area of the school, such as another classroom/year group.

- Whilst parents or carers have a right to withdraw children from RE, they should note that child/ren may also encounter religions and beliefs and wider aspects of faith in other areas of the National Curriculum from which there is no right of withdrawal.
- On occasion, spontaneous questions about religious matters are raised by pupils or issues related to religion arise in other curriculum subjects such as history or PSHE. For example, schools promote community cohesion and help pupils to understand ideas about identity and diversity, feelings and emotions within both religious and non-religious contexts.