

Chorus Education Trust

Religious Education Withdrawal Application

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Introduction

Religious education (RE) has been classified by the Department for Education as a mandatory subject. Schools have to teach RE, and it may be delivered as a subject in its own right, either known as religious education or by another name, or as part of another subject.

The RE syllabus is relevant to all pupils and respects their own personal beliefs. Information on the RE curriculum is provided on each school's website.

Parents' right to withdraw

Parents have a 'right to withdraw' their child from lessons teaching RE:

- Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from all or part of the lessons.
- Parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from trips to places of worship that are part of the RE curriculum.
- Pupils can choose to withdraw themselves once they're 18.

Parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss the RE curriculum prior to making a decision to withdraw their child.

Requests for withdrawal should be put in writing using the form found in [Appendix 1](#) of this application and addressed to the Headteacher of the school.

Alternative arrangements for pupils withdrawn from RE

The school will supervise pupils who are withdrawn from RE for the duration of the lesson. The school will not provide alternative work or teaching for pupils during this time.

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to provide suitable work for the pupil to complete for the duration of the RE lesson from which they have been withdrawn.

Appendix 1

Parent form: withdrawal from religious education

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS/CARERS			
Name of child:		Class:	
Name of parent:		Date:	
Any other information you would like to provide to the school:			
Parent signature:			

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE SCHOOL	
Agreed actions from discussion with parents:	
Date:	