

Legal Right to Withdraw Your Child from Religious Education (RE)

At Tilstock CE Primary School, we understand that parents may have diverse beliefs and preferences regarding their child's education. According to the national curriculum and the Department for Education (DfE), parents have the legal right to withdraw their children from Religious Education (RE) lessons and/or collective worship.

National Curriculum and DfE Guidelines

The national curriculum mandates that all state-funded schools must offer a balanced and broadly based curriculum, which includes RE. This curriculum aims to promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental, and physical development of pupils and prepare them for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of later life.

However, parents have the right to withdraw their children from RE lessons if they choose. This right is enshrined in law and applies to all maintained schools, academies, and free schools. The school is required to supervise children who are withdrawn from RE, but it is not obligated to provide additional teaching or incur extra costs.

How to Exercise Your Right

If you wish to withdraw your child from RE lessons, please inform the school in writing. We will ensure that your child is supervised during these periods. While we respect your decision, we encourage parents to consider the benefits of RE in fostering understanding and respect for diverse beliefs and cultures.

For more information or to discuss your child's participation in RE, please contact the school office.

We hope this information helps you make an informed decision regarding your child's education. At Tilstock CE Primary School, we are committed to providing a supportive and inclusive environment for all our pupils.