**Withdrawing from RE**

**Your Right to Withdraw**

As a parent, you have the legal right to withdraw your child from some or all of Religious Education (RE) lessons. This right is protected under the **Education Act 1996** and applies to all maintained schools, academies, and free schools in England.

**Things to Consider Before Withdrawing**

Before making a decision, you may want to consider:

* **The Purpose of RE:** RE is not about promoting a particular faith but about exploring different religious and non-religious worldviews. It helps children develop understanding, respect, and critical thinking skills.
* **Alternative Learning:** Schools are not required to provide alternative lessons if your child is withdrawn. You may be asked to supervise their learning at home or provide suitable materials.
* **Social and Cultural Benefits:** RE can help children understand different cultures, beliefs, and moral issues, promoting inclusivity and respect for others.

**How to Withdraw Your Child**

1. **Contact the School:** Speak with the Headteacher or RE Coordinator to discuss your concerns and understand the curriculum.
2. **Submit a Formal Request:** A written request is usually required. You do not need to give a reason.
3. **Agree on Arrangements:** Schools will discuss how your child’s time will be managed during RE lessons.

**Final Thoughts**

Withdrawing your child is a personal decision. If you are unsure, consider discussing it with your child, the school, or other parents to make an informed choice.