



CROFTON SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Right to Withdrawal

Withdrawal from all or part of RE

At Crofton School we are committed to inclusive Religious Education and hope that no parents/carers will wish to withdraw their children from all or part of the subject. Nevertheless, it remains the right of parents/carers to withdraw from RE if they wish to.

Parents have the right to choose whether or not to withdraw their child from RE without influence from the school. If pupils are withdrawn from RE, Crofton School has a duty to supervise them, but not a duty to provide additional teaching or to incur extra cost.

Where a pupil has been withdrawn, the law provides for alternative arrangements to be made for RE of the kind the parent wants the pupil to receive (Section 71(3) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998). This RE could be provided at the school in question, or the pupil could be sent to another school where suitable RE is provided if this is reasonably convenient. If neither approach is practicable, outside arrangements can be made to provide the pupil with the kind of RE that the parent wants, and the pupil may be withdrawn from school for a reasonable period of time to allow them to attend this external RE.

Outside arrangements for RE are allowed as long as the LA is satisfied that any interference with the pupil's attendance at school resulting from the withdrawal will affect only the start or end of a school session.