



Right to Withdraw Policy

Article 28

You have the right to education.

Article 29

You have the right to education which tries to develop your personality and abilities as much as possible and encourages you to respect other people's rights and values and to respect the environment.

Article 12

You have the right to give your own opinion and for adults to listen to you and take you seriously.

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Right to Withdraw from Religious Education and Non-Statutory PSHE Education

At St Ambrose Catholic Primary School, Religious Education is at the heart of the curriculum and plays a central role in the life and mission of the school. We value the partnership between home and school and are committed to working closely with parents and carers to support the spiritual, moral and personal development of every child.

Parents have the legal right to request that their child be withdrawn from Religious Education lessons and from those aspects of Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education that are non-statutory. However, before any withdrawal is agreed, parents are expected to meet with the Headteacher to discuss their concerns, the content of the curriculum, and the implications of withdrawal for their child. The school believes that open dialogue is the most effective way of addressing any queries and ensuring that parents are fully informed about the educational aims and content of the programme.

Should parents still wish to withdraw their child following this discussion, a formal written request must be submitted to the Headteacher. A copy of this request, together with details of the agreed arrangements, will be retained on the child's school record. The school will make appropriate supervision arrangements for any child who is withdrawn, although alternative curriculum provision cannot be guaranteed.

Parents wishing to exercise their right to withdraw their child are encouraged to discuss the matter with the school at the earliest opportunity. St Ambrose Catholic Primary School remains committed to fostering positive relationships with families and ensuring that decisions are made in the best interests of each child, respecting both parental rights and the Catholic ethos of the school.