

Parental Right of Withdrawal from Religious Education

Parents and carers have the legal right to withdraw their child, either fully or partially, from Religious Education (RE). If you are considering this option, we encourage you to discuss the matter with the school so that we can explain the nature and aims of the curriculum before a final decision is made.

At our school, Religious Education is taught as an **inclusive, broad-minded and academic subject**. The curriculum is designed to help students develop an informed understanding of a wide range of **religious and non-religious worldviews**, alongside key **philosophical and ethical questions** about human life, values and meaning. Lessons are not intended to promote any particular belief system but rather to develop students' ability to think critically, evaluate ideas and understand different perspectives.

The subject is taught using an **academic, multidisciplinary approach**, drawing on insights from disciplines such as **philosophy, theology, sociology and psychology**. Students examine how beliefs and values influence individuals and societies, and they are encouraged to engage respectfully with differing viewpoints.

Our aim is to equip students with the knowledge and analytical skills needed to understand the diverse world in which they live, and to support the development of **tolerance, critical thinking and informed dialogue**.

If, after discussion, you still wish to withdraw your child from Religious Education, the school will make appropriate arrangements in line with statutory guidance. Please contact the school at office@nghs.org.uk or call 01952 797550 if you wish to discuss this.