

# Easton CE Academy



## Withdrawal from RE Policy

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## **WITHDRAWAL FROM R.E.**

### **Rationale :**

The governors recognise parental rights to withdraw their children from R.E. lessons in accordance with the 1988 Education Reform Act.

### **Aims :**

There are several steps that need to be taken to make the process safe, efficient and incorporated into the smooth running of the school.

### **Guidelines :**

If parents wish to withdraw their child/children from RE lessons they need to:

- Collect and complete a numbered withdrawal form from the school office (see Appendix 1)
- Meet with the Head Teacher to discuss their concerns. Whilst the meeting is not a means to change parents minds, it is necessary for the Headteacher ensure that parents are fully informed about the important role that Religious Education plays in curriculum and the schools responsibility to promote British Values and fulfil its Safeguarding duties
- Establish with the Head Teacher the practical implication of the withdrawal.

Withdrawn children will not complete RE work. They will be provided with work activities and complete them independently at the back of the class during RE lessons.

### **Conclusion :**

By following these guidelines, the withdrawal of children from R.E. will be clear, efficient and safe for the children.

Prepared by :

Reviewed date :

Appendix 1

**Parent request for child to be withdrawn from RE Form No:**

(A separate form needs to be completed for each child)

Full Name of Child:

Date of Birth:

Current Class:

Please complete the boxes below

I request that my child is withdrawn from the following aspects of Religious Education lessons: (please explain the elements of Religious Education that you wish your child to be withdrawn e.g. religious education lessons, religious education lessons which focus on specific religions, visits to places of worship, listening to visiting faith speakers, in class discussions about religion with staff and children)

The reasons for my wish to withdraw my child from religious education is: (please outline your reasons in the box below – this section is optional but will help the school understand your reasons and assure the school that it has communicated effectively about the teaching of RE)

I confirm that I have fully understood the content of the RE Syllabus and how it is taught in school and that whilst exercising my right to withdraw my child from Religious Education I fully support the school aims and Values. In addition, I will promote in my child a tolerance of, and deep respect for, peoples freedom to practice the religion of their choosing and live their life the way they choose.

Name and signature of parent completing the form

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