

STANBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Withdrawal from RE
lessons**

Parents/carers have a right to withdraw their child from RE

The school will grant requests from parents/carers to withdraw their child, wholly or partly, from:

- Receiving religious education (RE) given in the school in accordance with the school's basic curriculum
- Attendance at religious worship in the school

This is set out in section 71(1) of the [School Standards and Framework Act 1998](#).

Parents/carers don't have to give a reason

However, you should make sure you are aware of the RE syllabus and that it is relevant to all pupils and respects their own personal beliefs. We invite parents/carers to discuss our RE curriculum with the school so you can make an informed decision.

This is explained in [non-statutory guidance on RE in English schools](#) (pages 27 to 29).

Providing an alternative to RE lessons

We will supervise any pupils who has been withdrawn from RE, but cannot provide additional teaching that is not RE during this time.

Trips to places of worship

Parents/carers have a right to withdraw their child from any trip that is part of the RE curriculum.

The school will meet with any concerned parents/carers to:

- Explain what will happen on the trip, and how it links to the pupil's learning
- Invite the parent/carer to attend the trip
- Explain any adverse effects on the pupil of not attending the trip, e.g. not getting the opportunity to visit a new place they might not experience otherwise

It is the school's responsibility to foster good relations between individuals from different cultures and backgrounds, in keeping with the [Equality Act 2010](#) and trips to places of worship provide a good opportunity to do this.