

Information for Parents



Withdrawal from Religious Education (RE)

At Combs Ford Primary School, we believe that Religious Education (RE) plays an important role in helping pupils understand the diverse beliefs, values and cultures that shape modern society. Through RE, children develop respect, understanding and critical thinking skills that support them in becoming informed and responsible citizens.

However, parents and carers have the legal right to withdraw their child from all or part of Religious Education. This right applies to all pupils in all types of schools, and no explanation is required.

Before making a decision, parents and carers are encouraged to find out more about the aims and content of our RE curriculum. We are happy to discuss the programme of study and answer any questions you may have. If you wish to withdraw your child, it should be made clear whether the request applies to the whole RE curriculum or to specific lessons or units of work.

If you would like to withdraw your child from RE, either in full or in part, please contact our Headteacher, Mr Wesley, who will be happy to discuss your request.

Important Information About Withdrawal

If a pupil is withdrawn from RE, the school has a duty to supervise them during RE lessons. However, the school is not required to provide alternative teaching or additional work. Pupils may be asked to complete independent work in another supervised area of the school, such as the library or a designated learning space.

While parents and carers have the right to withdraw their child from RE, it is important to note that children may still encounter discussions of religion, belief and faith in other areas of the curriculum where there is no right of withdrawal.

Religion and belief may arise naturally in subjects such as History, Geography, PSHE, English and the wider curriculum. Pupils may also raise spontaneous questions about religious topics or discuss issues related to identity, diversity, culture, beliefs, feelings and community life. These learning opportunities help children develop an understanding of the diverse world in which they live and contribute to the school's commitment to promoting inclusion, respect and community cohesion.