

Requests to Withdraw from all or part of Religious Education

In Enfield, our teaching of Religious Education is transparent; our Agreed Syllabus and accompanying units of work are easily available to view and download at the SACRE website: <http://webfronter.com/enfield/sacre/>

We hope that no parents / carers will withdraw their children from all or part of the subject. Nevertheless, it remains the right of parents / carers and to post-16 students, to withdraw from RE (and / or collective worship) if they wish to do so.

However, it is recommended that parents/carers are given the opportunity to discuss why they have opted to withdraw. This will give the school an opportunity to explain how Religious Education contributes and promotes the British Values, teaches respect for all, open mindedness and that it is there to challenge prejudice and negative stereotyping.

Further guidance can be obtained from the document 'Religious education in English schools: Non-statutory guidance 2010' (DCSF) which states:

"The use of the right to withdraw should be at the instigation of parents (or pupils themselves if they are aged 18 or over), and it should be made clear whether it is from the whole of the subject or specific parts of it. No reasons need be given"

(This information is to be inserted at the end of the section: 'The legal position and requirements for religious education' on p13)