



Right to Withdraw from Religious Education

At Garton on the Wolds CE (VC) Primary School, Religious Education is a valued academic subject at the heart of our curriculum. Rooted in our Christian vision, our RE curriculum enables every child to flourish by developing religious literacy, fostering respectful dialogue and equipping pupils to engage thoughtfully with Christianity as a diverse, global living faith, alongside a range of religions, worldviews and ways of life.

We recognise the legal right of parents to withdraw their child, either wholly or partly, from Religious Education in accordance with the Education Act 1996. Parents are not required to provide a reason for their request, and the school will respect this right.

As a Church of England school, we hope all families will choose for their children to participate fully in our inclusive and academically rigorous RE curriculum. Lessons explore beliefs and worldviews through theological, philosophical and human and social science lenses, encouraging informed discussion, critical thinking and respectful disagreement.

Parents considering withdrawal are warmly invited to meet with the Headteacher to discuss the aims and content of the RE curriculum. Requests for full or partial withdrawal should be made in writing to the Headteacher.

Our approach reflects the Church of England Religious Education Statement of Entitlement and ensures that Religious Education remains an academically rigorous, inclusive and inspiring subject which enables every child to flourish.