

The Right to withdraw your child from R.E

Children have the legal right to a Religious Education (R.E.) This is to be taught from the ages of 5 to 14, so that they have a broad and balanced view of other religious, and non-religious beliefs and views.

The parental right to withdraw a child from R.E. was first granted in 1944 when it was known as Religion Instruction (R.I.) and carried the idea that children were being encouraged into the Christian faith.

RE is very different now – open, broad and explores a range of religious and non-religious worldviews. It is there to encourage children to explore their own ideas and beliefs, never to encourage them into a particular belief or viewpoint.

Our aim at Holly Hill, is to give the children a safe space to learn, explore and discuss their own, and others, beliefs, and views. These include religious beliefs and non-religious worldviews.

If you wish your child to be withdrawn from R.E, please feel free to come and discuss this with the R.E leader in school, Mrs Ward, or the Headteacher, Mrs Steed. We will happily answer questions about the R.E. syllabus and what your child is learning about.

