



Liverpool College

Requests to withdraw a pupil from RE Secondary Phase

Religious Education at Liverpool College

We believe that Religious Education (RE) plays a crucial role in promoting respect, tolerance, and understanding of different cultures, beliefs, and values. Our RE curriculum is relevant to all pupils and is designed to encourage pupils to explore a variety of religious traditions and worldviews, helping them to develop their own understanding of moral and ethical issues in a safe and supportive environment.

Right to Withdraw

We recognise that parents have the legal right to withdraw their child from part or all of Religious Education under Section 71 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. This includes participation in any religious worship in the school.

However, before exercising any right of withdrawal, we strongly encourage parents and carers to discuss their decision with Mrs Lines (Vice Principal: Head of Secondary) in the first instance so we have the opportunity to discuss the RE curriculum with you and explore how we can address any concerns.

If a parent/carer chooses to withdraw their child, this should be put in writing addressed to Mrs Lines (Vice Principal: Head of Secondary). You do not have to provide a reason for requesting the withdrawal.

If pupils are withdrawn from RE, schools have a duty to supervise them, though not to provide additional teaching or to incur extra cost. A pupil may be required to work in another area of the school, such as the library.