RE and Sex Education - Right of Removal

Section 71(1) of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998, in paragraph 1 gives parents the right to withdraw their child from RE.

Statutory guidance on relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education gives the right to withdraw from Sex educaiton. The DFE have sadi that “There is no right to withdraw from Relationships Education at primary or secondary as we believe the contents of these subjects – such as family, friendship, safety (including online safety) – are important for all children to be taught”.

All other aspects of the school and curriculum are compulsory.

Requests for withdrawal should be made in writing to the head teacher

In the absence of parental agreement (all PR holders) in this matter the school will maintain the status quo. This means that pupils will continue to receive the full curriculum including access the religious aspects of school life. A request to withdraw should be in writing and must be accompanied by either:

- Written agreement of each PR holder to withdraw, or,
- A court notice directing the school in this matter