



**Buxton
Community
School**

Part of the EMBARK Federation

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BCS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025/2026

Right to withdraw

The government's guidance on RE (Religious Education) states that RE is compulsory for all state-funded schools, thus every child has a legal entitlement to RE. At Buxton Community School, we meet the requirements of statutory RE through a student-centred approach to Ethics. Parents retain the right to withdraw their child from all or part of Ethics (RE) on the grounds that they wish to provide their own Ethics (RE). This provision will be parents' responsibility. Parents do not have the right to withdraw children from incidental or cross-curricular teaching about religion, e.g. conversion in History, or symbolism in Art.

Parents who are considering withdrawing their child(ren) from Ethics (RE) are asked to arrange a meeting with the Subject Lead, Ms Joan Carr, to discuss their concerns.

Parents wishing to withdraw their child(ren) should put their request in writing and addressed to the Headteacher – This can be in the form of a letter to the school, or an email to Headteacher@buxton.derbyshire.sch.uk

A copy of withdrawal requests will be placed in the student's educational record. The Headteacher will discuss the request with parents and take appropriate action.

