

# The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy – The Bec Trust

## Policy on Withdrawing Pupils from All or Part of Religious Education (RE)



At The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy, we recognise the legal right of parents and guardians to withdraw their children from all or part of Religious Education (RE) lessons, as provided by the Education Act 1996 and the School Standards and Framework Act 1998. We value and respect the diverse beliefs of our school community and are committed to accommodating requests for withdrawal in a respectful and understanding manner.

### Procedure for Withdrawal

1. **Request Submission:** Parents/guardians wishing to withdraw their child from all or part of RE lessons should submit a formal written request to the Principal, outlining their reasons for withdrawal.
2. **Consultation:** While parents are not obligated to provide a reason for withdrawal, we encourage an open dialogue to ensure we understand their concerns and can make appropriate arrangements. We are happy to discuss the RE curriculum and explore alternative solutions that may address any concerns.
3. **Alternative Arrangements:** Upon receiving a withdrawal request, the school will ensure that suitable alternative provisions are made for the student during RE lessons. This may include supervised independent study or participation in other educational activities.
4. **Partial Withdrawal:** If parents wish to withdraw their child from specific aspects of the RE curriculum (e.g., content related to certain religions or themes), we will work closely with them to accommodate this request, ensuring minimal disruption to the student's overall learning experience.
5. **Review of Withdrawal:** Parents/guardians may request to reintegrate their child into RE lessons at any time by providing written notice to the school.

We respect the right of all students and families to express their beliefs and values, and we aim to create an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all.

For any further information or to submit a request for withdrawal, please contact Miss T Kimbugwe at [tkimbugwe@lanfranc.org.uk](mailto:tkimbugwe@lanfranc.org.uk)