

RSE – The Right to Withdraw

In certain circumstances, parents / carers do have the right to withdraw their children from RSE (Relationship and Sex Education).

Following discussion with the school, parents can withdraw their child from the 'sex' elements of Relationships and Sex Education. Parents do not have a right to withdraw their child from Health education, relationships or any other aspect of PSHCE education.

There is no right of withdrawal from National Curriculum Science which includes elements of sex education such as puberty and reproduction.

Three terms before a pupil turns 16, parents no longer have a right to withdraw. At this point the guidance states 'if the child wishes to receive sex education rather than be withdrawn, the school should make arrangements to provide the child with sex education during one of those terms.'

At Blessed Thomas Holford if a parent / carer wishes to withdraw their child, they need to have a discussion with the Headteacher and put their wishes in writing. This is so that the headteacher is aware of the parent's reasons and can provide alternative arrangements.

We will try to accommodate any concerns as far as possible

