

AN OPTING OUT Survival Guide

A guide for parents
and children to help
you get the most
out of scheduled
CRE time.



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Fairness In Religion In Schools

STEP 1

OPTING OUT

Its easy!
You don't even need a special form. Just send a letter to your child's teacher similar to the example provided.

Dear Ms Jones

This is a note to say I do not want my child, Samantha Smith, participating in the CRE program.

Please ensure appropriate activities and tasks are set for her during this time. If possible arrange for her to be in a different room to the CRE class.

Yours Faithfully
Sally and David Smith

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STEP 2

EXPECT RESPECT

You can ask for special activities and tasks to be made available during your child's free time. Assist your teacher in making this time a positive experience.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS

Listen to music

Read a book

Use the Computer

Take a music lesson

Be in another class

Complete outstanding work

Relax

Read with the school teacher

Ask for alternative instruction

STEP 3

PROVIDE SUPPORT

Talk to your child about why they don't do CRE and other issues this may bring up. Be confident that your views are important.

"Its your opinion that counts."

WHY WOULD YOU OPT OUT?

"My school only caters for a specific portion of one faith"

"The CRE syllabus does not meet my expectations."

"We already provide quality values and ethics to our child"