

Dear [insert name of School Principal],

I would like to opt [insert name] out of religious instruction classes, as per my right under Article 44.2.4 of the Constitution and in accordance with Section 30 of the Education Act, 1998.

Section 30(2) (e) of the Educational Act 1998 states that the Minister “shall not require any student to attend instruction in any subject which is contrary to the conscience of the parents of the student or, in the case of a student who has reached the age of 18 years, the student.”

Section 62(7)(n) of the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 obligates schools, under the school’s Admissions Policy, to put arrangements in place for students who wish to opt out of religious instruction. The school is further obliged to ensure that there is no reduction to the school day for the pupil and the school’s arrangements for this must be outlined in their Admissions Policy

Please confirm to me in writing the alternative arrangements that are in place for my child instead of the religion class.

Yours sincerely,