Parental right of withdrawal from PER

This was first granted in 1944 when PER was called 'Religious Instruction' and carried with it connotations of induction into the Christian faith. PER is very different now – open, broad and exploring a range of religious and non-religious worldviews. In the UK, parents still have the right to withdraw their children from PER on the grounds that they wish to provide their own religious education. This provision will be the parents' responsibility. Students aged 18 or over have the right to withdraw themselves from any religious education. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from part of PER and can do so without giving any explanation.