



Jewellery Policy

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Version History

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Rationale:

It is the policy of the school, that jewellery worn at school is not acceptable because of the health and safety risk, to both the child wearing it and to others. Therefore for the health and safety of all of our pupils, the wearing of all jewellery (including religious items) in any type of physical activity, PE lessons, swimming lessons or physical clubs is not appropriate. The school stresses that their prime concern is the safety of its pupils and are following guidelines from the Health & Safety at Work Act and guidelines detailed in the booklet entitled 'Safe Practice in Physical Education'.

We understand the pleasure that the wearing of jewellery gives to children, particularly when it is new, but we consider the risks of accidents involving the wearing of jewellery are great when children are involved in the day-to-day activities of school life.

Implementation:

The only jewellery allowed at school is small stud earrings and a small watch. Pupils are not to be allowed to participate in any physical activity, e.g. PE, games, swimming or similar activities unless the jewellery is removed. Break times still pose their own challenges; children wearing earrings/watches should consider and take part at their own risk. Any pupils wearing jewellery will be required to remove it themselves before the start of the activity. Children will be expected to be responsible for their own jewellery. Members of staff cannot remove or replace jewellery for health and safety reasons. Where a child is too young or incapable of removing their own jewellery, the parents must ensure that it is not worn on days when the child is taking part in physical activity.

Where a child is unable to remove their jewellery for an activity, the parent will be contacted to come into school to remove the item. Should a parent be unable to come into school the child will not be allowed to participate in the activity.

The school accepts no responsibility for any jewellery lost on the premises. Although Physical Education is a compulsory part of a pupil's education, their health and safety and that of other pupils and staff remain of paramount importance. Therefore where a child is unable to remove their jewellery, they may be unable to fully take part in the activity. Parents are advised to plan piercing to coincide with long school holidays, as a pupil may not be allowed to take part in PE lessons, swimming or physical clubs until they are sufficiently healed for the stud to be removed. Students unable to remove earrings will be required to make them safe by taping front and back, which may offer a measure of protection. This should be carried out by the

parents at home for younger children or by the child themselves prior to the lesson. Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for students.

Where taping is utilised, the teacher supervising the group must ensure that the taping is effective for the purpose. Where staff consider the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to consider alternative involvement in the lesson for the student.

If a pupil has to wear a medical bracelet then this should be covered by a sweatband and secured by adhesive tape during PE.

Jewellery of Religious Significance

Occasionally, an item of jewellery may have a religious significance and in this case, will be allowed at the discretion of the Local Schools Committee through a request in writing from the parent explaining the reasons for why the item has religious significance for the child.

The role of parents

We encourage parents to support us in this policy so that precious jewellery is not brought to school and so that the health and safety of children are not compromised.