



# Jewellery Policy

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This policy is written with health and safety considerations in mind. "Jewellery" refers to rings, watches, bracelets, neck chains, pendants, brooches, earrings and large hair ornaments. It also includes the wearing of acrylic nails.

### **General**

- The wearing of studs in pierced ears is permitted, but these must be removed for PE, games, swimming and any other activity where the wearing of earrings is considered to be a risk to the health and safety of the children.
- Neck chains, pendants, bracelets and brooches are not permitted. This also includes large hair ornaments and clips.
- Watches are permitted, although we have many clocks all around the school so they are really not necessary.
- The wearing of acrylic nails is also not permitted as not only do they make it uncomfortable for the children to write, they are a scratching hazard when children are playing in the yard or when doing PE as they could get caught and rip the underneath nail off causing injury.
- If any child is required by religion to wear a particular item this must be agreed by the headteacher.

### **PE and games lessons**

The wearing of jewellery in PE and games lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. Similarly contact with jewellery can cause injuries to a third party.

- The school policy is that all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for PE and games lessons- without exception. Where removal is not possible by the child prior to the lesson, studs in pierced ears must be removed by the parent/carer on the morning before the lesson.
- In the event of a child not co-operating with the removal of jewellery PE and games lessons, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

### **Swimming**

The wearing of jewellery in swimming lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. The taping over of studs in pierced ears for swimming is not an option due to the risk of the tape coming off in the water and causing a choking hazard to other swimmers.

- The school policy is that all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for swimming lessons.
- In the event of it not being possible to remove the jewellery or studs in pierced ears for swimming lessons or the child refusing to remove it, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

**Parents'/Carers' responsibility**

- Parents/carers are advised not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time. The ideal time for your child to have their ears pierced would be at the beginning of the 6-week summer break in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.
- In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery that is not in the policy, the child will be asked to remove it or, if that is not possible, the parent/carer will be contacted to come to school to remove it.

**Staff responsibility**

Staff will not, under any circumstances, be expected to or be allowed to examine pupils to see if jewellery or body piercings are being worn.

- Staff will not be expected to or allowed to remove any jewellery or studs in pierced ears being worn by a pupil; this will have to be done by the pupil themselves or by a parent/carer.
- Staff will not, under any circumstances, take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery.