

Policy for Jewellery

Overview

This policy is written with health and safety considerations in mind.

- The wearing of stud earrings in pierced ears is permitted, but these must be removed for PE, games and swimming.
- Rings, neck chains, pendants, bracelets, brooches and large hair accessories are not permitted.
- Watches are permitted. These will preferably be analogue as this is an opportunity for the pupils to learn to tell the time. Smart watches that can send and receive calls and messages are strictly forbidden.
- If a child is required by religion to wear a particular item this must be agreed with the head teacher.

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.

- All jewellery must be removed for PE, including stud earrings.
- In the event of a child not co-operating with the removal of jewellery for PE and games lessons then she/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.
- Where ear piercings are still healing within the advised 6 weeks period and a pupil is unable to remove their earrings, then that pupil will not actively participate in the lesson. Following this 6 week period, pupils will be expected to return to their PE and games lessons.
- All jewellery must also be removed for swimming lessons.

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 this 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 check all pupils have removed their jewellery prior to any PE, games or swimming lesson.
- Staff will not be expected to, or allowed to, remove any jewellery including stud earrings, being worn by a pupil; this will have to be done by the pupil themselves or by the parent/carer.
- Staff will not take any responsibility for the safekeeping of pupil's jewellery.

Reference

The current Code of Practice for Physical Education, Games, Sports and Outdoor Education states that *"...watches, jewellery, rings and earrings, belts with metal buckles and other unnecessary encumbrances likely to prove dangerous to the wearer or to others should not be worn."*

This follows the national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE)

The Bulletin continues *"...Schools have a duty to deliver the National Curriculum to all pupils but also have a duty to safeguard pupils in their care. Parents or children refusing to comply with these safety requirements are themselves preventing the school from delivering the National Curriculum."*

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