

POLICY ON THE WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of jewellery being worn in school by both boys and girls, particularly body piercing.

The governing body discussed the issue in depth and came to the following decision:

The wearing of jewellery of any sort (including stud earrings) is strictly forbidden during games, PE, swimming lessons and similar activities. Any items worn will have to be removed before the lesson begins.

- Pupils are not to be allowed to participate in any potentially hazardous activity, ie PE, games, swimming or similar activities unless the jewellery is removed. Taping of the jewellery is not sufficient in terms of both health and safety.
- Pupils to be responsible for the removal and safe keeping of their jewellery.
- Staff are not allowed to remove jewellery.
- Other pupils cannot assist in removing the jewellery of other pupils.
- If jewellery cannot be removed by the child then that child will be excluded from participating in the potentially hazardous activity but allowed passive involvement if possible.
- Suggest that parents remove any relevant jewellery in the morning before a child comes to school when PE is on the timetable.
- Suggest to parents that should they wish their child to have any body piercing that this is done at the beginning of the summer break.
- Children are not allowed to wear rings in school.
- Only a small stud is allowed to be worn in the ear.

Governors agreed that the wearing of a watch be allowed. The Governing body stress that their prime concern, and that of the school, is the safety of it's pupils and are following guidelines from the Health & Safety at Work Act and guidelines detailed in the DfES 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.

We would appreciate your support with this matter.