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Jewellery Policy during Physical Activity, Sports Clubs and Fixtures

As a school, we have a duty of care to ensure all children are able to participate actively in PE lessons and school sports clubs and fixtures, without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. As a result, our school operates a **no jewellery policy** during PE lessons, after school sports clubs and school fixtures, to ensure the safety of all participants. All jewellery, including watches, must be removed prior to PE lessons and after school sports clubs.

It is strongly advisable that on a PE or after school sports club day your child leaves their earrings and any other jewellery at home. If earrings are worn to school, they must be removed by your child prior to PE lessons and after school sports clubs. Staff are unable to help with this.

The taping of earrings can create a perception of safety and tape can often fall off and does not reduce the risk of a compression injury. **Taping may be used only when a child has had their ears pierced within the last 6 weeks** and in this case, the taping must cover the whole earring and be done before the child comes to school or by the child themselves. Staff are unable to help with this. If a teacher deems that the child is not safe to take part in a particular activity as it poses a risk to them or others around them, then the child will be offered an alternative role in the PE lesson. If your child requires taping due to a new piercing, please inform the office and advise us on when the child's 6 week taping period is over.

Parents are encouraged to actively work with schools in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum. We do however understand that there may be exceptional circumstances, whereby an individual need may require an alternative approach and this will be assessed on an individual basis. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that if ears are pierced, it is at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time.