

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery Jewellery Policy



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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 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, physical clubs is not appropriate.

The school stress that their prime concern, is the safety of it's 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 is small stud earrings and a small watch.

Pupils are not to be allowed to participate in any physical activity, e.g. playtime, PE, games, swimming or similar activities unless the jewellery is removed.

Any pupils wearing jewellery will be required to remove it before 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 a 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.

Any unauthorised jewellery worn to school by a child will be confiscated by a member of staff and returned to parents at the end of the day. 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 will be unable to take part in the activity.

Parents are advised to plan piercing to coincide with long school holidays, as a pupil will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons, swimming or physical clubs until they are sufficiently healed for the stud to be removed. Taping is not an option and should not be done by a parent, child or adult in school. (The National Union of Teachers clearly states that it is inappropriate as it may come loose and become a danger to others).

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, a necklace may have a religious significance and in this case will be allowed at the discretion of the Governing Body, 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.