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# Jewellery Policy

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This policy follows afPE National Guidance.

The Ellis CE Primary School permits children to wear a simple wrist watch and one pair of single stud earrings through the earlobe only. No other piercings are permissible.

As we have a responsibility for the health and safety of pupils engaged in physical activities, jewellery worn by pupils during physical education constitutes a hazard. As the wearing of jewellery constitutes a risk to the pupil, this risk can only be eliminated by the removal of the jewellery.

Removal of jewellery means the removal of all jewellery for PE including extra curricular activities, tournaments and competitions. Jewellery as a result of piercing and jewellery that is worn for cultural reasons must also be removed.

There are a small number of pupils who may have a medical condition which requires the permanent wearing of medical jewellery. Such items provide essential information in the event of the pupil having an accident or requiring treatment relating to their medical condition. For PE lessons these items can be removed from the pupil's body and attached in a secure and safe fashion to an item of clothing which the pupil is wearing for PE. Clearly a reasonable view will have to be taken with regard to which part of the clothing constitutes a safe but secure position.

Pupils must be asked to remove the jewellery themselves and under no circumstances should teachers or other pupils assist in removing or replacing their jewellery.

Pupils and parents who refuse to accept that jewellery should be removed must be advised that jewellery is removed for their own child's safety. Should they not adhere to this their child will not be allowed to participate in the activity which will deny them the opportunity to take part in a valuable element of the national curriculum.

We cannot accept reassurances from parents that seek to absolve the school from any responsibility for injury from wearing jewellery during PE. The school cannot be liable of personal injuries due to negligence.

There may be occasions when the jewellery cannot reasonably be removed during the case of the healing process following piercings. This may lead to long periods when the pupil cannot participate in PE lessons. The use of plastic retainers (flat studs that retain the piercing when earrings or studs are removed) is an acceptable substitution where total removal is not possible, however, this is only a short-term solution and will not be acceptable after October half term.

Parents are advised that piercings should be undertaken at the commencement of the long vacation period in the summer to allow the piercing to heal and be removed for PE at the start of the following academic year.

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