

# **The Drive Community Primary** **School**

## Jewellery Policy

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This policy is based on guidelines issued by the Local Authority and is written with health and safety considerations in mind. "Jewellery" refers to rings, watches, bracelets, neck chains, pendants, brooches, and earrings. "Body piercings" refers to pierced ears, lips, noses, eyebrows, navels, etc.

## **2. RISK ASSESSMENT**

Possible injury could include tearing or piercing of flesh

- Is there a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing, etc? The risk is greater with the sleeper/ring type jewellery and projecting/dangling jewellery
- Is there a risk to other people? This is generally low except during playtimes, lunchtimes, physical or active activities. Lessons where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person
- Is there a risk from covering jewellery? There is a potential risk of injury to the wearer from removing tape used to cover jewellery if the tape pulls the jewellery as it is removed. Some people have an allergic reaction to plasters or adhesive tape and this would also need to be considered

## **3. GENERAL**

- The wearing of jewellery is not permitted in school
- Body piercings are not permitted. If a child comes to school wearing a stud in any body piercing, the child will be asked to remove it or, if that is not possible, the parent/carer will be contacted to come and remove it
- If the parents/carers refuse to remove the piercing until the wound has healed the child will not be allowed out at playtimes or lunchtimes or be allowed to join in physical or active activities during that time

## **4. PE LESSONS**

The wearing of jewellery in PE 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.

- The school policy is that children are not allowed to wear any jewellery for school. Where removal is not possible, the child will not be able to take part in PE lessons

## **5. SWIMMING**

The wearing of jewellery in swimming lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. The taping over of

studs in pierced ears for swimming is not an option due to the risk of the tape coming off in the water and causing a choking hazard to other swimmers.

- The school policy is that children are not allowed to wear jewellery for swimming lessons
- In the event of it not being possible to remove the jewellery for swimming lessons or the child refusing to remove it, then they will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed

## **6. PARENTS'/CARERS' RESPONSIBILITY**

- Parents/carers will be advised of the exact details of the school's policy on the wearing of jewellery through the school website and newsletters
- Parents/carers will be advised not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time and that the beginning of the six week summer break would be the best time in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal

## **7. STAFF RESPONSIBILITY**

- Staff will not, under any circumstances, be expected to or allowed to examine children to see if jewellery or body piercings are being worn
- Staff will not be expected to or allowed to remove any jewellery being worn by a child; this will have to be done by the child him/herself or by a parent/carer
- Staff will not, under any circumstances, take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery

## **8. GENERAL**

The school will not seek or accept, as an alternative to the removal of jewellery or body piercings, a parent's/carer's assurance that s/he will not hold the school liable in the event of an accident/incident. The parent/carer cannot accept liability for injury to the children during school activities; this is not allowed by UK or European legislation or Civil Law.

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