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Dear Parents

Jewellery worn for school

There has been an increasing number of children wearing jewellery to school which we are told is for a medical or religious reason, and I would like to draw your attention to our uniform policy which states:

No jewellery at all in school please, although we will allow:

- **one** plain round gold or silver coloured stud earring in each ear, which should be removed by your child for P.E. or covered with tape brought from home;
- watches with a clear display that your child can use, once he/she can tell the time (no novelty watches please).

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced, we would recommend that it is done at the start of the summer holidays, allowing time for the healing process and giving your child the opportunity to become familiar with removing and replacing the earrings. Please be aware that, on the grounds of health and safety, we are not permitted to remove or replace children's earrings.

As with plain stud earrings, any watch must be able to be removed for P.E. by your child and is his/her responsibility.

If your child needs to wear jewellery for medical or religious reasons please discuss this with the Head of Federation.

In light of our concerns about the health and safety of the children in P.E. lessons we have taken advice from the Local Authority.

The advice and guidance given by the Local Authority, which is within their 'Safety in P.E. and Sport 2016' document, is very clear – **no child, for whatever reason, may wear any items of jewellery for P.E. that may pose a risk to the child or others.** For this reason, we insist earrings that cannot be removed are covered for all P.E. lessons and no other jewellery or watches are worn.

Starting immediately:

- Please ensure, if your child cannot remove his/her earring(s) for P.E. that you either remove them on P.E. days or send in tape they can cover them with.
- If you consider your child has to wear an item of jewellery for a medical or religious reason in school and I have not given permission to date, please make an appointment to meet with me at your earliest convenience. Unless permission is given, your child will be asked to remove any item of jewellery. *Please note I will be dealing with requests on a case-by-case basis so outcomes may differ for individual children.*

Starting immediately any child not complying with this aspect of uniform policy will not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons.

I appreciate this may cause some anxiety and uncertainty for some of you, but please be assured we are acting in the best interests of the children and prioritise their health and safety at all times. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C.A. Clayton
Head of Federation

