

# Highfield CE Primary School Jewellery Policy 2024



**Highfield**  
C.E Primary School

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## **Definition**

*Practice regarding the wearing of jewellery can raise emotive issues, which should be handled sensitively at all times. The safety of the children is paramount. Jewellery and earrings are known to be potentially dangerous.*

National Safety Documents all state that earrings and jewellery should be removed for PE/Games activities.

- Rings, bracelets or necklaces must not be worn by children at any time.
- Watches may be worn by pupils at their own risk.
- Long hair should be tied back for PE/Games activities.
- The school cannot accept any responsibility for watches or jewellery worn by the children.
- Staff will remove their personal jewellery which might be hazardous when taking PE/Games lessons.
- Stud earrings – impact on side of head could cause the spike to enter the mastoid area. This has the potential to cause deafness.
- Ring earrings – an accident would have the potential to cause torn ear lobes leading to possible pain and scarring

## **The wearing of jewellery is normally restricted for health and safety reasons during PE lessons. Recommendations to schools on jewellery**

The wearing of jewellery, earring and ear-studs (metal or plastic) should not be permitted on safety grounds during physical education lessons and other sporting activities such as out of hours school learning or competitive fixtures.

These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in physical education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times. Serious accidents have occurred as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or studs and other pupils or equipment, thus damaging the ear, or where items of jewellery have caught in apparatus and torn the ear lobe.

Highfield CE Primary School prohibits the wearing of earrings and ear-studs in all aspects of physical activity where these could present a hazard to the wearer and to others.

Pupils are encouraged to leave items of jewellery and earrings at home on days when they have physical education lessons.

## **Newly pierced ears**

Newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed. Highfield CE Primary School will remind parents that ears should be pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for earrings to be safely removed. This may be communicated via the school weekly update.

Pupils who are not able to remove earrings (as these may be newly pierced) should not actively participate in physical education for their own and others safety. In this circumstance a pupil will be asked to undertake the role of coach, official or other learning activity that is relevant.

Parents are encouraged to actively work with schools in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time.