

Jewellery Policy



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The Governors of Meadowhead Community Junior School have agreed, for reasons of health and safety, it is the policy of the school that **no jewellery** should be worn by pupils during the school day. "Jewellery" refers to earrings, rings, bracelets, neck chains and pendants.

Risk Assessment

Wearing of jewellery can result in tearing or piercing of flesh.

- There is a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing etc.
- There is a risk to other people especially at playtimes and PE lessons where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person.
- There is a 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 can have an allergic reaction to plasters or adhesive tape and this needs to be considered.

There is one exception:

- Jewellery may be worn if required for medical reasons e.g. Medical Information (bracelet / necklace) In these circumstances parents/carers must apply in writing to the Headteacher.

PE, Games and Swimming

The wearing of jewellery in these 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 injury to a third party.

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 brochure, website and newsletters.
- Parents/carers will be asked not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time and that the beginning of the 6 week summer break would be the best time in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.
- In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery the child will be asked to remove it, if that is not possible, the parent/carer will be contacted to come to school to remove it.

Staff Responsibility

- Staff will not, under any circumstances be expected to or allowed to remove any jewellery being worn by a pupil; this will be done by the pupil him/herself or the parent/carer.
- Staff will not, under any circumstances take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery.

School Brochure

The following statement will be included in the school brochure:

- *The wearing of jewellery is not permitted in school.*
- *If your child comes to school wearing jewellery you will be contacted to come and remove it. If your child wants to have his/her ears pierced, then please ensure that this is done at the beginning of the 6 week summer break to allow plenty of time for wounds to heal.*
- *Please note that school staff will not take any responsibility for the safeguarding of any item of jewellery, for this reason we strongly urge you not to allow your child to take anything of any value into school. In addition, please note that school staff are not allowed to remove jewellery including earrings. If your child cannot do this him/herself then you will be contacted to do it.*

General

The school will not seek or accept as an alternative to the removal of jewellery, a parent's/carer's assurance that s/he will not hold the school liable in the event of an accident/incident.