

# **AYCLIFFE DRIVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **JEWELLERY POLICY**

### **Strategy Committee**

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**Staff Responsible**

**Mrs M Green**

**Head Teacher**

## **Jewellery Policy**

This policy is written with health and safety considerations in mind. “Jewellery” refers to rings, watches, bracelets, neck chains, pendants, brooches, earrings and large hair ornaments.

### **General**

- The wearing of studs in pierced ears is permitted, but these will have to be removed or taped to the ears for PE, games and swimming.
- Neck chains, pendants, bracelets and brooches are not permitted. This also includes large hair ornaments and clips.
- Watches are permitted, although we have many clocks all around the school so they are really not necessary.
- If any child is required by religion to wear a particular item this must be agreed by the headteacher.
- Medical bracelets can be worn after consulting the headteacher.

### **Smart watches**

Smart and Activity tracking watches are not allowed to be worn in school for the following reasons:

- Many models allow connectivity via data available through mobile devices containing SIM cards or from Wi-Fi, which in turn enables wearers to communicate via social media and other apps.
- Some watches allow users to remotely control their mobile phone, along with video, sound and image recording. Whilst not all watches have all of these capabilities we cannot assess each watch individually.
- Activity tracking watches such as Fitbit have a requirement that the user’s age should be above 13 year of age in their usage agreement. As such, the advice from Hertfordshire Country Council that we must follow, is that all such watches are not appropriate for school.
- Like mobile phones pupils on arrival at school are welcome to leave their watches in the school office and pick them up at the end of the school day.

### **PE and games lessons**

The wearing of jewellery in PE and games 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 all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for PE and games lessons. Where removal is not possible, studs in pierced ears must be taped over (provided by the parent/carer).

- In the event of a child not co-operating with either removal of jewellery or taping over of studs in pierced ears for PE and games lessons, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

### **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 all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for swimming lessons.
- In the event of it not being possible to remove the jewellery or studs in pierced ears for swimming lessons or the child refusing to remove it, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

### **Parents'/Carers' responsibility**

- Parents/carers are advised not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time. The ideal time for your child to have their ears pierced would be at the beginning of the 6-week summer break in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.
- In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery that is not in the policy, the child will be asked to remove it or, 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 examine pupils to see if jewellery or body piercings are being worn.

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