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Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to draw your attention to some safe practice regarding wearing earrings during the school day, with particular reference to PE and sport.

There are an increasing number of children attending school wearing earrings. In order to ensure the safe practice of wearing earrings at school and including PE and sport, please read the following safety guidance taken from the Association of Physical Education that we will be adhering to.

- Children are not permitted to wear necklaces, rings or bracelets, (unless for religious reasons) and earrings should be studs only at school
- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including earrings, during PE lessons
- Teachers are **not** allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. It would therefore be helpful for parents/carers to remove earrings at home on PE days
- If a child has recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove their earrings, parents/carers are required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which will offer a measure of protection (this can also be a plaster)
- The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear, should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball)
- This taping should be done at home for children in Foundation Stage or Key Stage One or prior to the lesson for children in Key Stage Two
- **Staff are not permitted to tape earrings for children**
- Staff reserve the right to prevent a child from taking part in any PE lesson or sport where the taping is likely to provide inadequate protection for the wearer or other children in the class
- During swimming lessons, children wearing earrings must either remove them or have them completely covered by a close-fitting swimming cap

We endeavour to keep the PE days the same, however, due to unforeseen circumstances, this could change.

If your child does wear jewellery to school, they will be asked to remove it for safe practice reasons. Staff will provide an envelope for the child or have a means of storing any jewellery safely, once removed.

Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Yours faithfully

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