



**ST. ANNE'S C.E. (VC) PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**JEWELLERY IN P.E. POLICY**

**'Together With God, Making Learning a Life Long Friend'**

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We are a Church of England School and our policies are written with a commitment to our Christian Character, which is rooted in the Bible.

*Start children off on the way they should go and even when they are old they will not turn from it (Proverbs 22:6)*

This policy has been written with advice from Safe Practice: in Physical Education, School Sport and Physical Activity from the Association for Physical Education. (AfPE).

Parents can find out about our uniform and jewellery rules in the school prospectus and on visits to the school. By sending a child to our school, parents have implied their acceptance of the rules.

St Anne's CE Primary School has a duty of care to ensure its pupils are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them.

The AfPE strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.

Therefore, the wearing of jewellery, earrings and ear-studs (metal or plastic) is not permitted on safety grounds during physical education lessons and other sporting activities such as out of hours' school learning or competitive fixtures. This includes body piercings such as tongue studs or belly button jewellery. Please note tapings or plasters are not a viable alternative.

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.

St Anne's prohibits the wearing of jewellery, earrings and ear-studs in all aspects of physical activity as 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. Children who do wear earrings to school on PE days will be expected to remove them, themselves.

Newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed. We do 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 is communicated via the school newsletter.

Pupils who are not able to remove earrings (as these may be newly pierced) will 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.

We will not ask parents to assume responsibility or liability for the outcome of any future injury arising from the wearing of an earring or ear-stud since any such undertaking cannot be legally valid.