

Church Hill Infant School



Jewellery and Earring Policy 2026 -2028

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Safety During Physical Education

In order to ensure the safety of all pupils during Physical Education lessons, Church Hill Infant School requires all jewellery to be removed for the purpose of specific lessons. Jewellery can be worn at other times but we ask that these items are discreet and small in nature. The school follows guidance as set out by the Association For Physical Education (AFPE). Our decision making puts the health and safety of pupils at the forefront.

Earrings

- Earrings must be removed for all lessons
- We strongly recommend that pupils leave their earrings at home on P.E days
- If a child's earrings have not been removed and left at home, they will be asked to remove them (**as staff are not allowed to remove earrings**).
- The school will not be responsible if earrings go missing
- With younger children, it is vital that Parents / Carers take full responsibility for the removal of the earrings at home
- Pupils should only be wearing one small stud earring in each ear – no hoops or dangly earrings should be worn as they are inappropriate for school for health and safety reasons
- We strongly recommend that earrings of any value are not worn in school

Other jewellery

- No other items (watches, necklaces, bangles) will be allowed during PE lessons
- The school will not take responsibility for any jewellery lost

Religious Jewellery

- As a school that serves a multicultural community we appreciate and understand that bangles, threads and necklaces are of religious significance and are often part of celebration and ceremonies
- Whilst such items can be worn on days when your child does not have PE they must be removed for PE lessons like other jewellery items
- Many families choose to wear them loosely so that they can be removed and others remove them completely – this is a personal choice for your family
- The decision to insist on the removal of religious items is based on the health and safety of all children

Taping of jewellery

Whilst a number of schools may allow the taping of jewellery items, we have taken the decision not to take this action. National guidance is clear that taping earrings creates a false impression of safety and does not remove the risk of harm. Tape or plasters can in fact fall off during activity and this increases risk.

Taping of jewellery will not be carried out under any circumstances.

Recently pierced ears

Earrings will often need several weeks to heal before they can be removed. If a child has had their ear(s) pierced and the earrings cannot be removed then they will not be allowed to take part in PE lessons.

We advise families to seek to have piercing done at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow for healing and safe removal prior to going back to school.

In the event that jewellery has not been removed prior to the lesson

If jewellery is worn to school and cannot be removed by the child then the following action will be taken:

1. Call the parent and ask them to come into school and remove the jewellery
2. A child will only be able to miss one PE lesson due to unremoved jewellery
3. If the child continues to come into school with jewellery that they cannot remove, parents will be invited to a meeting with the head teacher
4. If parents refuse to remove jewellery, and their child continues to miss PE lessons, parents will be asked to collect their child for these sessions

We ask all parents to support the school in ensuring all pupils can access Physical Education in school by wearing the appropriate clothing, removing all jewellery and ensuring they have a water bottle so that they can remain hydrated.

Physical Education Curriculum

Further information on the curriculum and what your child will learn can be found on the school website.

Further information and guidance can be found in the following documents:

Safe Practice Guidance https://www.afpe.org.uk/page/Safe_Practice_in_PESSPA

Health and Safety Executive <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-safety-advice-for-schools/responsibilities-and-duties-for-schools>

Health and Safety Executive <https://www.hse.gov.uk/education/index.htm>