



# Edmondsley Primary and Nursery School



## Jewellery Policy

**Signed: M Glenton**

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The Governors of Edmondsley Primary 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/children, especially at playtimes and PE lessons, where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person/child.

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/children can have an allergic reaction to plasters or adhesive tape and this needs to be considered.

Jewellery may be worn if required for medical reasons and small objects of religious significance, which must be removed before any physical activity including playtimes and lunchtimes. We ask the children to remove these objects during PE and games. 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 informed 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. If this is not possible, your child will take part in less active playtimes to decrease the risk of injury to themselves or other children.

### **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. Staff will not be allowed to cover jewellery with tape or plasters in case doing so may cause injury or damage when this tape/plaster is taken off at a later date.



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## **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 six 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. They are also not permitted to cover jewellery with plasters or tape in case injury occurs when this tape/plaster is taken off.*

## **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.