

EDMONDSLEY NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Jewellery Policy

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Review Date: Summer 2024

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.

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.

This policy will be reviewed by the governing body every three years, or earlier if considered necessary.