

Church Crookham Junior School Policy for wearing Jewellery in PE/Sports Activities, etc.

Introduction

This policy applies to pupils taking part in PE lessons, sporting events and sporting activities that may or may not be on site at Church Crookham Junior School. It follows the procedures set out with Hampshire Safety in PE and Sport April 2019. This policy may be reviewed in light of any recommended policy changes, such as Hampshire reviewing and changing their information on Safety in PE and Sport.

Statement

All jewellery and other personal effects such as watches, earrings, etc. must be removed for PE and related activities.

All pupils should have any earrings, watches (which may include smart watches) to be stored securely by the class teacher.

If, under exceptional circumstances, earrings cannot be removed (e.g. newly pierced ears for a short agreed time period), the risk of injury should be reduced where it is practicable to do so. If there are exceptional circumstances then parents should put in writing the reason why earrings cannot be removed and the date when the short time period will be up.

The risk of injury could be reduced by:

- studs being secured by the use of micropore
- masking tape (**not** elastoplast or sellotape). In these circumstances care must be taken to effectively cover the spike at the back of the ear lobe

It is strongly recommended that teachers and other school staff do not involve themselves in the process of earring removal or taping but should check that the spike at the back of the ear lobe is covered with micropore/masking tape.

Parents are asked to provide micropore or masking tape for this and to also prepare their child (teach them) how to use the micropore/masking tape to cover the earring and spike. School may provide some masking tape or micropore, if available.

With younger children, parents/carers should be asked to remove earrings and studs from children's ears before they come to school each day, until such time as their child is able to remove these adornments themselves prior to a PE lesson. It is the parents'/carers' responsibility to train their children to take out and to put in earrings. Such training will support the policy of the school and enable teachers to ensure that children and young people are dressed safely for PE activity

Under exceptional circumstances where it is not possible to remove the jewellery or to reduce the risk of injury to the wearer or others, **the young person must sit out and participate within the lesson in a non-active capacity** (observing, evaluating, responding to questions, etc.) **If this has been the situation teachers will**

communicate directly to the parents/carers if the child/young person has not been able to participate.

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