

19 October 2022

Dear Parent or Carer,

### RE: Removal of Jewellery for Physical Education and Games

As we move into a half term holiday, we are writing to remind you of our policy on the removal of jewellery, specifically piercings of any type, during PE and Games lessons. It is a health and safety requirement that all students remove all items of jewellery, including piercings, when participating in lessons. This is to ensure that students are able to take part safely by reducing the possible risk of injury to themselves or others.

With this mind, please can I ask that you avoid allowing your child to have any new piercings during the half term holiday as they will not have sufficient time to heal before their return to school. This would impact on their participation and progress in sporting activities. Recently, we have had a number of enquiries regarding the use of tape to cover new piercings, but unfortunately, in line with our uniform policy this is not permitted.

Although we are unable to allow students with piercings to participate in the sporting activity, if they are unable to remove a piercing they would still be expected to change into their kit and participate in a different role within the lesson.

Students that have already had a new piercing will be asked to speak with their Head of Year, who in conjunction with yourself will agree a suitable timeframe for the removal of the piercings. This will be clearly recorded in the planner and from the date agreed the piercings should be removed for every PE lesson.

We would also like to draw your attention to the jewellery section of uniform policy which clearly states:

- One pair of studs or sleepers earrings is allowed. No other body piercing is allowed.
- One plain ring may be worn on either hand.
- One watch may be worn.
- One discreet necklace may be worn.
- One discreet bracelet on each arm, may be worn.
- No jewellery or piercings of any kind are permitted during physical activity including watches. Earrings must be removed and cannot be taped up.

As a school we do our utmost to ensure student safety and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child meets the requirements above. Working together we can ensure that the school and lesson environment is as safe as possible.

Yours faithfully,



Mr A Duke  
Head of PE



Mrs D Dalton  
Deputy Headteacher