



Policy for the wearing of ear rings by pupils at Leftwich Community Primary School.

The wearing of jewellery, earring and ear-studs (metal or plastic) is not permitted on safety grounds during physical education lessons and other sporting activities such as out of hours school learning or competitive fixtures. This includes body piercings such as tongue studs or belly button jewellery. These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in physical education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times. Serious accidents have occurred as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or studs and other pupils or equipment, thus damaging the ear, or where items of jewellery have caught in apparatus and torn the ear lobe.

At Leftwich Community Primary School, we prohibit the wearing of earrings and ear-studs in all P.E. lessons including swimming. Pupils should be encouraged to leave earrings at home on days when they have physical education lessons. A pupil must remove the ear ring for the P.E. session. A child who cannot remove their ear rings will not actively participate in physical education for their own and others safety. In this circumstance the child will be asked to undertake the role of coach, official or alternative learning activity that is relevant to the session.

Newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed. We would advise parents that ears should be pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for earrings to be safely removed. We urge parents to work with school in helping to minimise disruption to the Physical Education Curriculum. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time.

- At Leftwich Community Primary School, we prohibit the wearing of earrings and ear-studs in all P.E. lessons including swimming. **They must be removed for the session.**
- We strongly recommend that pupils leave their earrings at home on P.E./Swimming days.
- If pupils forget to leave their ear rings at home, they will be asked to remove them (staff are not allowed to remove earrings) and we will not be responsible if earrings go missing.

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