

# **ALDERMAN RICHARD HALLAM PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **Purpose**

For the safety of all the children at Alderman Richard Hallam Primary School, the Governors have restricted the wearing of jewellery to a watch (analogue or digital – **smart watches are not permitted**) and small, simple stud earrings. Jewellery is defined as any personal adornment and includes such items as earrings, watches, body piercings etc.

## **Jewellery in P.E. lessons, school sports clubs and swimming sessions**

Participation in physical education and sports activities provides pupils with an opportunity to test their skills and meet challenges. It is an important element of the curriculum and extra-curricular activity programme of all educational establishments. As with all activities, safe practices and procedures must be in place to prevent any foreseeable risk of injury or harm. Physical activity is rarely without risk and is, by its nature, a challenge to those taking part. However, unnecessary danger should be eliminated.

All jewellery and other personal adornments, including earrings, must be removed before P.E. lessons or sports activities begin and this, like other rules, should be made clear to pupils and applied consistently and firmly throughout the school. Earrings **must not** be taped under any circumstances, as there is still a risk of injury associated with taped earrings. The children must be able to remove jewellery and personal adornments by themselves and, should this not be possible, then items should be removed at home before the start of the school day. If earrings cannot be removed, e.g. they have recently pierced ears, then the pupil will still take part in the P.E. lessons however they will have a supporting/coaching role; in this instance, the child will still get changed for P.E. In rare cases where children wear earrings that are fastened in such a way that they physically cannot be removed or they are unable to remove their earrings due to personal reasons, the same rule applies.

## **Religious or Cultural Jewellery**

Where a child is wearing a piece of jewellery for religious or cultural reasons, a discussion must be held with a member of SLT to grant permission for them to wear this in school. Permission will only be granted in circumstances where it does not compromise the safety of the wearer or others. This may need additional provisions, such as the wearing of sweatbands or round-neck tops to ensure jewellery is well-covered. This will be agreed between the parents and carers and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

If you would like to discuss any points raised in this policy further, please contact the school on 0116 262 4003 to book an appointment to see Mr Holder or Mr Orchard.