



## Dallimore Primary & Nursery School

### Wearing of Jewellery Policy

#### Overview

In making any decision on whether or not jewellery and piercings are to be allowed in the school the following issues should be considered.

- **Risk to the wearer:** This may be due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing, equipment etc. The extent of the injury is likely to vary from minor e.g. tearing or piercing of flesh if the contact is with other people, to major if there is contact with equipment. The risk is greater with sleeper/ring type jewellery, and projecting/dangling jewellery.
- **Risk to other people:** This is generally low except in activities such as PE or at break times where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person.
- **Risk from Covering Jewellery:** There is a potential 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 have an allergic reaction to plasters and this would also need to be considered.

#### Policy

By following this policy we aim to keep all children safe. For Health & Safety reasons we discourage the wearing of any form of jewellery in school. This is supported by the Government through the Department for Education (DFE) and Local Authority guidance. We aim to keep all children safe from harm and ask you as parents to assist with this by ensuring your child comes to school wearing little or no jewellery.

- Due to the fact that in our Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) the curriculum is taught through structured play and outdoor learning, it is strongly advised that children in these classes do not wear jewellery at all in school.
- Should you choose to allow your child to wear jewellery in school please keep this to a minimum of 1 pair of earrings (preferably studs not hoops) and a watch.
- Children should not wear necklaces and bracelets as, not only do these pose a risk to your child, but can cause upset if they become broken or lost.
- Children must remove all jewellery for PE and swimming lessons as this can easily become caught on equipment or another child may accidentally catch an earring causing them to come out or even rip an ear. Staff should not remove or replace earrings for children and they should learn to do this for themselves.
- School cannot be responsible for looking after children's jewellery and therefore it is strongly advised that children leave jewellery at home when it is their PE day.
- We accept that there may be occasions where jewellery cannot reasonably be removed e.g. earrings in the first six weeks after ears have been pierced. In such cases ears may be covered with tape or a plaster to enable participation in PE lessons. A swim hat may be worn during swimming lessons. If your child wishes to have their ears pierced please try and wait for the six weeks break.

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