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Dear Parents,

At the start of a new year I would like to take this opportunity to share with you our policy on jewellery.

Children are allowed to wear a watch, earrings and any other jewellery that has a recognised religious significance to school. Earrings should take the form of either studs or sleepers. These cannot be worn for any physical activity, such as PE or swimming in the interests of the child's health and safety. Please note that staff are not allowed to remove these and that we accept no responsibility for the safekeeping of any item. Neither do we provide or accept the wearing of tape or plasters over them.

Therefore on days when your child does planned physical activity, either in or out of school we would ask that such items are not worn. Should your child not be able to remove the earrings themselves, they will not be allowed to participate. If this is repeated again, the class teacher will ask parents in to school to discuss the matter further. Details of when your child does planned physical activity in school will be in their home-school diaries. Should this not be the case, please check with your child's class teacher.

We would also encourage parents not to have children's ears pierced during the school year, given the difficulties in keeping the area clean, free from infection and removing the earring. We would strongly recommend that the first week of the summer holidays is the best time for this to happen, giving the wound time to heal before school recommences.

I hope that this clarifies the matter. Please be aware that this is done as part of our safeguarding processes and in the best interests of everyone's Health and Safety.

Regards,

Mark Pratt