

## Sherard Primary School

### Earrings policy

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#### Jewellery and Earrings

We would like to clarify school policy on the wearing of earrings during PE and School Sport. Earrings present a hazard to both the wearer and other children taking part in sports activities. School policy will be as follows:

- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including pierced earrings, during PE lessons.
- Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. It would therefore be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.
- If a child has recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove their earrings, they are required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection.
- The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball).
- This taping should be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older children. Older children should provide their own plasters or tape during this 6-week period.
- Sherard school will not provide tape.
- Staff are not permitted to tape earrings for children.
- Staff reserve the right to prevent a child from taking part in any PE lesson or sport where the taping is likely to provide inadequate protection for the wearer or other children in the class.
- During swimming lessons children wearing earrings must either remove them or have them completely covered by a close-fitting swimming cap.
- We would advise that if children are having their ears pierced that they do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.

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