



Jewellery Policy

It is the policy of Lambton Primary School to follow current Health and Safety guidelines in physical education (see below). This means that jewellery should not be worn in P.E. and earrings should be removed for the lesson. Where piercings are still healing within the advised 6 weeks period and a pupil is unable to remove their earrings, then that pupil will not actively participate in the lesson in line with these guidelines.

The Health and Safety Information Bulletin issued by the Education Departmental Safety Co-ordinator has clarified the position with regard to children wearing earrings for P.E., Games and Swimming.

“The current Code of Practice for Physical Education, Games, Sports and Outdoor Education states that „watches, jewellery, rings and earrings, belts with metal buckles and other unnecessary encumbrances likely to prove dangerous to the wearer or to others should not be worn“. This follows national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE).”

The Bulletin continues: “Schools have a duty to deliver the National Curriculum to all pupils but also have a duty to safeguard pupils in their care. Parents or children refusing to comply with these safety requirements are themselves preventing the school from delivering the National Curriculum.” It follows that we can no longer allow children to wear jewellery, including earrings during P.E., Games and swimming lessons as, if an accident did occur, the School could be found liable. It is not possible for parents to get around this rule by ‘granting permission’.

Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children’s earrings if they are unable to do so themselves and, although willing to look after earrings during a lesson, cannot be held responsible for any losses. Parents are encouraged to actively work with schools in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to. We would advise that if children are having their ears pierced that they do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.