



Long Row Primary and Nursery School

Wearing of jewellery in school, including body piercings

Long Row Primary considers the safety of our pupils in line with LA guidelines to back up their decisions, regarding the wearing of jewellery in school.

Injuries can be caused to the wearer through any jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked, even if covered by tape.

There could be a potential for any injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing etc. The extent of the injury is likely to vary from potentially major to minor e.g. tearing or piercing of flesh if the contact is with other people. Clearly the risk is greater with sleeper/ring type jewellery, and projecting/dangling jewellery, such as chains and bracelets.

Therefore, only a small plain stud earring is allowed to be worn in the ear and a watch (no smart watches); no other jewellery will be allowed in school at any time. Any inappropriate jewellery will be taken from a child and the child will be told that the parent needs to come and collect it from the teacher.

When PE or other potential hazardous activities are on the timetable, and children are unable to remove earrings independently, we ask parents to remove them in the morning before their child comes to school.

If the removal of jewellery is not possible (due to it being a new piercing only), then the pupil needs to come to school with the ear/s taped over for up to 6 weeks and only allowed passive involvement for skill based learning in PE lessons. Pupils will continue to be encouraged to have active breaktimes eg, using the gym but not participate in competitive games.

Children are not allowed to participate in any potential hazardous activity, for example competitive games or swimming unless jewellery is removed.

Staff and other children cannot assist in taping ears or removing the jewellery of pupils.

Pupils in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception) take part in an active curriculum with lots of play and outdoor Learning, It is strongly advised that children do not wear any jewellery at all in school.

We encourage parents that want to have their child's ears pierced to do so at the beginning of the summer holidays so that children can learn how to manage their earrings safely with parents for 6 weeks before having to take them out at school.

Thank you for your support of this policy in keeping our children safe.

Staff and governors will review this policy annually.