



Singleton Church of England Primary School Jewellery Policy



“Passion for learningPassion for life”

Vision

“With God all things are possible” Matthew 19:26

“I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full” John 10:10

To provide the children with a variety of challenging and enriching opportunities, enabling them to live life to the full. Developing a growth mind-set, believing that with God everything is possible. To show, love , trust, wisdom and respect, becoming exemplary role models in our community and the wider world.

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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), Local Authority guidance, Teaching Unions and guidance from the Association for Physical Education Safe Practice in Physical Education & School Sport.

Based on the above it is the policy of the Singleton School Governing Body that children should not wear jewellery while they are on the school premises.

The Governing body allow only a watch to be worn. However, we do not allow smart watches or devices with internet access/ camera/ recording capabilities.

We do however, recognise that some children may have pierced ears and in this situation, while **not** desirable, they will be permitted to attend school wearing stud earrings only. However, the wearing of ear-studs (metal or plastic) **is not** permitted on safety grounds during physical education lessons and other sporting activities such as out of hour's extra-curricular or competitive fixtures.

Stud Earrings represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in physical education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times.

Serious accidents have occurred as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or studs and other pupils or equipment, thus damaging the ear, or where items of jewellery have caught in apparatus and torn the ear lobe.

We also advise parents that they need to consider the increased risks of wearing stud earrings at playtimes as our children play in a very active way. Where possible the governing body advocate that earrings **should not** be worn for school.

Parents are asked to ensure that earrings are removed and left at home on days where the children have physical education lessons or extra -curricular sporting activities.

If children attend school wearing inappropriate jewellery they will be asked to remove the item of jewellery and store it safely with their personal belongings. Where children are unable to remove the jewellery themselves staff will be required to contact their parents to come and remove the jewellery for them.

The school cannot accept any responsibility for items of jewellery while on the school premises and as such all items should be left at home.

Newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed. We ask that that if you are considering having your child's ears pierced this is done at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for earrings to be safely removed so that your child does not miss on out 'active' P.E. Lessons and extra-curricular activities.

Pupils who are not able to remove earrings (as these may be newly pierced) will not actively participate in physical education for their own and others safety. In this circumstance a pupil will be asked to undertake the role of coach, official or other learning activity that is relevant.

We encourage parents to actively work with / support schools in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to and that ears are pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow maximum healing time so that they can be removed on the return to school.

Jewellery may be worn if required for medical reasons. In these circumstances parents/carers must apply in writing to the SHE committee for permission.