




# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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## Earrings in P.E.

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Dear Parents,

Recent guidance for PE states that schools can no longer tape over earrings for PE and they must be removed.

In effect the school has no choice in this matter and must follow the guidance we have been given by Essex County Council.

I fully appreciate that this will cause both some confusion and some concerns, especially if your child has only just had their ears pierced.

From this Monday, children will be expected to remove their earrings before participating in PE.

Older children in the school should be able to remove their own earrings prior to a PE lesson.

Younger children will obviously not be able to do this. In the cases where younger children cannot remove their earrings, then I would ask parents to please remove them on the days that their class has PE. The holes will not close up in the time that they are at school.

Class PE days are detailed in the curriculum letters and I will make sure these are on the school website, under 'Curriculum Maps' this weekend.

In instances where children have only just had their ears pierced, the class teachers will make an informed decision about whether it is safe for the child to participate in the PE lesson.

The main risks are:

Anything that involves impact, i.e. a ball or arm hitting a child's ear and pushing the back of the earring into the neck.

A stud falling out and another child standing on it.

The earring getting caught and the ear tearing.

If the teacher does not think the activity is safe, then the child will not be able to participate in PE.

Teachers are not able to remove and/or replace children's earrings.

Please remember that PE is a statutory part of the curriculum and as such it is a requirement that children participate unless there is a valid reason why they are unable to do so.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Bourne, Mrs Bullivant or myself.

Regards,

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