

Policy for the Wearing of Jewellery

Mission Statement

*"To help every person here to achieve
his or her best in work and in play.
To celebrate whatever is good
And to follow in the footsteps of Jesus
By supporting and forgiving each other,
For the honour and glory of God".*

Rationale

The Governors of St Anne's Roman Catholic Primary and Nursery School have agreed, for reasons of health and safety, it is the policy of the school that no jewellery should be worn by pupils during the school day, including Non-uniform days .

"Jewellery" refers to rings of any kind including earrings and/or metal or plastic studs, bracelets, bangles, wrist bands, necklaces and pendants.

Risk Assessment

- Wearing of jewellery can result in tearing or piercing of flesh.
- There is a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people, clothing etc.
- There is a risk to other people, which could be increased particularly at playtimes and PE lessons where injury could occur due to contact with jewellery worn by another person.
- There is a risk of injury to the wearer from removing tape used to cover jewellery if the tape pulls the jewellery as it is removed.
- Some people can have an allergic reaction to plasters or adhesive tape and this needs to be considered.

There is one exception:

Jewellery may be worn if required for medical reasons. In these circumstances parents/carers must apply in writing to the Headteacher and provide medical evidence.

An agreed medical plan will then be drawn up with parents, the school and a medic.

PE, Games, Clubs and Swimming

The wearing of jewellery in these lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. Similarly contact with jewellery can cause injury to a third party.

Parents'/Carers' Responsibility

Parents/carers will be advised of the exact details of the school's policy on the wearing of jewellery through

- the Nursery Information Booklet for Parents (given to parents prior to starting Nursery)
- the face to face meeting held at school prior to entry to Nursery
- the School brochure (available on the school's website)
- the face to face meeting held for all Reception children prior to starting in Reception class
- the website and
- reminders in newsletters.

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Parents/carers will be informed not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time and that the beginning of the 6 week summer break would be the best time in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.

In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery the child will

- be asked to remove it, if that is not possible,
- the parent/carer will be contacted to come to school to remove it.
- If a child continues to wear jewellery, parents will be asked to collect their child until the items of jewellery are removed.
- The Behaviour Policy will be applied as with any other breach of school rule.

Staff Responsibility

- to ask the child and/or the parent to remove any jewellery being worn by a pupil; this will be done by the pupil him/herself or the parent/carer.
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Staff will not, under any circumstances take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery.

School Brochure

The following statement is included in the Information for Parents Nursery Booklet:

"For reasons of safety and in line with the school policy, jewellery is **not** to be worn in the Nursery".

"Please ensure that you are willing to abide by this school rule as it will remain in place throughout your child's time at St Anne's".

The following statement is included in the school brochure:

"5.2 Jewellery

For health and safety reasons we request that no jewellery is worn in school".

General

Please note: The school will not seek nor accept as an alternative to the removal of jewellery, a parent/carer's assurance that s/he will not hold the school liable in the event of an accident/incident.

This policy was reviewed at the Curriculum and Standards Committee of the Governing Board on Thursday 11th October 2018.

This Policy will be reviewed annually.