

All jewellery is required to be removed for any forms of PE and Sport. This includes wristwatches, single stud earrings and bracelets. We request and publicise to parents that ear-piercings are carried out at the start of the summer holidays so that pupils should be able to remove earrings when they return to school in September.

The school follow the guidance recommended by The Association for Physical Education (afPE) which states:

"Pupils unable to remove earrings are required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection, for a short period of time. The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball).

This taping may be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older students. Staff are not required to remove or tape earrings for pupils.

Where staff consider the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to consider alternative involvement in the lesson for the pupils."

As a school, we feel that it is not safe for a pupil to take part in gymnastic lessons whilst having their earrings taped as the possibility of rolling on the ear could result in an injury and/or discomfort. Therefore we expect children to be able to remove all jewellery for these lessons.