



PE Department Earring Policy

A recent update from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) states the following regarding piercings:

“The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.”

Please can you support the school and your child’s safety by ensuring that they are able to remove earrings safely and quickly to participate in PE lessons. If they cannot do this, they should not wear them to school. The school Behaviour Policy allows students to wear one set of small stud earrings to school, any other items should be kept at home. Piercings that cannot be seen, e.g. belly button piecing, should be removed on days students have PE. Students who are planning on getting new piercings should do so at the start of the summer holidays, to allow sufficient time for the healing process.

The following update has been released by AfPE regarding taping:

“Where the school accepts taping, the teacher supervising the group has the legal responsibility to ensure the taping is fit for purpose.”

To ensure students receive maximum learning time, in a safe environment, teachers cannot check the taping and therefore will no longer be allowing students to tape their piercings. We appreciate your support to ensure we keep all students safe and maximise the learning they receive in PE.

Please also be reminded that if your child cannot participate because of a medical reason they must have a note and bring their PE kit.