

Jewellery/Make-up Policy

General Policy

Occasionally pupils wear personal items to school, which constitute a health and safety hazard. The following recommendations are in line with our Health and Safety Policy and the "Safe Practice in Physical Education" document, and reflect our commitment to the safety of all in our school.

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted with the exception of:

- A watch (no I-phone watches, fit bits or similar)
- One pair of **plain** stud earrings in the ear lobe
- Hair decorations should be simple and practical.

Along with the wearing of school uniform, teachers will regularly check that these guidelines are being observed and complied with. Where children are not following the school policy they will be asked to remove the jewellery and put it in their locker for safe keeping. Failure to do so will result in a red card as at this point they are refusing to comply with a reasonable request made by an adult.

The wearing of make-up is not permitted; this includes nail varnish, lip gloss and mascara. Temporary tattoo's are also not permitted.

P.E Policy

It is the policy of Bramley Grange Primary School to follow current Health and Safety guidelines in physical education (see below). This means that jewellery should not be worn in P.E. and earrings must be removed for the lesson. Where piercings are still healing within the advised 6 weeks period and a pupil is unable to remove their earrings, then that pupil will not actively participate in the lesson in line with these guidelines.

The current Code of Practice for Physical Education, Games, Sports and Outdoor Education states that „watches, jewellery, rings and earrings, belts with metal buckles and other unnecessary encumbrances likely to prove dangerous to the wearer or to others should not be worn“. This follows national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE)."

The advice continues: "Schools have a duty to deliver the National Curriculum to all pupils but also have a duty to safeguard pupils in their care. Parents or children refusing to comply with these safety requirements are themselves preventing the school from delivering the National Curriculum."

It follows that we cannot allow children to wear jewellery, including earrings during P.E., Games and swimming lessons as, if an accident did occur, the School could be found liable. It is not possible for parents to get around this rule by 'granting permission' or by covering ears with tape/plasters.

Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves and although willing to look after earrings during a lesson, cannot be held responsible for any losses.

Parents are encouraged to actively work with schools in helping to minimise disruption to the physical education curriculum. Parents can help by ensuring that school guidance on jewellery is adhered to.

We would advise that if children are having their ears pierced that they do this at the beginning of the summer holidays.