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Dear Parents/Carers

At Nottingham Academy, we continuously review our school policies and the safety of our children will always be our priority. Recently, we have reviewed our school policy on jewellery and earrings in PE due to updated advice from the Association for Physical Education (AfPE).

All earrings need to be removed completely; children are no longer allowed to put tape around them. It is no longer recommended due to several incidences nationally where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

Teachers are not allowed to remove earrings for children. Therefore, we ask that children are encouraged to learn to remove their own earrings or parents remove them for the whole day when PE is being taught. Children who wear earrings will not be able to take part in practical lessons.

We would also recommend that a good time to get ears pierced is the beginning of the summer holiday so that the ear is sufficiently healed to allow earrings to be removed in September. If a child has recently had their ears pierced and is unable to remove their earrings, they will be permitted to cover them with micro-porous tape during the six-week healing period only. After this time, they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons.

In addition to this, I also want to remind all Parents/Carers that children should be sent in appropriate clothing and footwear that is fit for purpose and suitable for the environment and ever-changing weather conditions to allow pupils to participate safely and securely in PE.

If any Parents/Carers are struggling to provide their child with appropriate clothing/footwear, please speak to your child's class teacher about this.

I hope you fully understand our reasons for updating our policy but if anyone should have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Mr David

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