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Dear Parent/Carer

THE WEARING OF EARRINGS FOR P.E. AND SWIMMING

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the position on earrings and P.E. activities, following some questions and comments received.

In both of these activities, earrings must be removed from your child's ears before the lesson. This is the directive of Lancashire County Council, and applies to all children in all schools.

If your child is able to remove and replace their earrings, then they can do this before and after the lesson.

If your child is not able to do this themselves then earrings must be removed before they come to school. If there are issues about earrings being out for too long, then parents are welcome to come to school at lunchtime to remove or replace their child's earrings.

School staff will not be involved in the removal or replacement of a child's earrings, in case they inadvertently cause injury to your child's ears. This is in line with Health and Safety Guidelines issued to all schools.

In the rare occasions when a child's ears have been recently pierced and cannot be removed, then for the 6-weeks period after this, it is okay for plasters to be placed over the earrings for P.E. lessons, but this must be done at home. School cannot provide plasters for this purpose. Plasters cannot be used to cover earrings beyond this 6-week period.

However, the rules are different for swimming lessons. The Health and Safety rules in place at the swimming baths, prohibit the wearing of earrings during swimming lessons in any circumstances, and the swimming teachers will not allow a child into the water wearing them. The reason for this is that if an earring falls out, the stud falls to the bottom of the pool it will impale a child's foot if they step on it. Plasters cannot be placed over earrings for swimming lessons.

The above rules are designed to keep your children and school staff safe.

J. Aspin

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Roots to grow...wings to fly.