



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Earrings in school – change of policy

Having received new and important health and safety guidance on the wearing of earrings during PE lessons, and after thoughtful debate, we have changed the school policy in regard to days when the children have P.E. or swimming lessons.

NEW POLICY:

We are no longer allowed to tape over earrings for P.E. lessons – **earrings must be removed**.

- We strongly recommend that pupils leave their earrings **at home** on P.E./swimming days.
- If they forget to leave their earrings at home, they will be asked to remove them (as staff are not allowed to remove earrings) and we will **not** be responsible if earrings go missing.
- With younger children, it is vital that Parents/Carers take full responsibility for the removal of the earrings at home.

If you are not sure when your child has PE and swimming lessons, please ask the class teacher.

You might think that this new policy is a bit severe but we have to act upon Health and Safety advice. It is vital that we keep all children safe and the risk of wearing earrings during lessons, even when taped, has become too much of a risk.

Bearing this new policy in mind, if you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, the most appropriate time would be the beginning of the summer holidays.

If you have any concerns about this change in policy, please make an appointment to see our PE lead, Mrs Evans.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher