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**Wearing of earrings in Physical Education Lessons**

At Crayke Church of England Primary School we have insisted that for Health and Safety reasons all jewellery needs to be removed for PE lessons. The exception to this had been pierced earrings. Previous guidance had stated that children wearing earrings could participate in PE lessons providing that the earrings were covered with micro-pore tape and that the child was able to apply the tape themselves.

The guidance on the aforementioned has now changed based on national advice issued by the Association for Physical Education (afPE). It is now felt that the taping of earrings ‘creates a perception of safety and is not recommended’, as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children’s ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

**Therefore school policy from September 2019 is:**

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery, including earrings, during PE lessons. Teachers/TAs are not permitted to take out or replace children’s earrings if they are unable to do so themselves, therefore it would be helpful if earrings could be taken out at home on PE days.

If a child has recently had their ears pierced and are unable to remove their earrings they will not be permitted to take part in the practical aspect of PE lessons for six weeks, after which time they will be expected to remove their earrings in order to participate in PE lessons. During this six week period the child will be able to take on the role of umpire, referee or coach where appropriate.

The fundamental reason not to wear earrings (or any jewellery) is that it can lead to injury for the wearer and for others in the class. Wearing earrings can result in both about tearing of the ear lobe, but also the post of the earring going into the neck.

Your support is greatly appreciated with the aforementioned points.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Buttery

Headteacher