

A guide for Parents JEWELLERY AND MAKE UP



OUR POLICY

The purpose of this guide is to outline the school policy on jewellery and make-up.

We understand that there are all sorts of pressures on pupils with regard to appearance. A clear school policy will help to eliminate some of the peer pressure experienced by pupils which can result in disagreements between parents and their children about what is acceptable at school. It also aims to remove any distractions.

JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

On the grounds of Health and Safety, no jewellery e.g. earrings, rings, necklaces or bracelets should be worn by pupils. However, traditional analogue watches are permitted and are the responsibility of the pupil.

Exemptions to the rules about jewellery may be made for items of specific religious significance or medical information. This should be requested in writing to the Headteacher.

Stud earrings, religious artefacts, watches, hair slides, should always be removed by pupils before participating in physical activity and handed to the class teacher.

The wearing of sensory aids such as spectacles or hearing aids will be determined by the nature of the activity. Therefore, activities involving physical contact would not be appropriate. A balanced judgement should be made as to whether wearing the item constitutes greater or lesser risk to the wearer and other children in other activities.

Please read the further guidance on page 2 which relates to earrings.

MAKE-UP

Make-up is not appropriate for school and should not be worn. This includes nail varnish and false nails which should be kept for weekends, holidays and special occasions.

HAIR

Long hair worn by staff and pupils should be tied back for PE and Outdoor Education activities to prevent entanglement in apparatus and to prevent it obscuring vision.

EARRINGS

Pupils may wear small plain stud earrings if they have recently had their ears pierced, but these should not be worn for PE lessons or swimming.

Pupils should remove earrings themselves before PE lessons and place in a named purse, coin bag or similar. The earrings should then be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping. Younger children may struggle to remove and replace earrings themselves. In this case, it is advisable for them not to wear these on 'PE days'.

Covering earrings with plasters/micropore tape gives a perception of safety but it isn't recommended. Plasters and tape can fall off and does not reduce the risk of compression injury. An exception can be made in the case of recent piercings that have not yet healed in order to avoid long periods of non-participation in PE. However, should staff have any concerns about close contact activities, the individual concerned should not actively participate. Parents should provide plasters/micropore tape that pupils can use to cover their earrings until the 10 week healing process is complete. After this, earrings must be removed before PE by the pupil.

If parents wish their child to wear stud earrings during PE because they haven't yet healed then they must complete our permission form which is available [here](#). Paper copies are available upon request from the office.

A copy of this guide can be found in the 'Parent Zone' on our website at:

www.concordiaacademy.co.uk

If you have any questions relating to jewellery and make up, please contact the school office on:

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