



Gawber Primary School



Wearing of Jewellery for Physical Education

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The school complies with the Local Authority's recommendations on health and safety and this is a summary of their instructions. If any parent would like a full copy please ask for one from the school office.

Wearing of jewellery for Physical Education

The authority and the school have a responsibility under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 for the health and safety of pupils engaged in physical activities.

Jewellery worn by pupils during physical education constitutes a hazard. As the wearing of jewellery constitutes a risk to the pupil the Authority takes the view that this risk can only be eliminated by the removal of the jewellery.

Removal of jewellery means the removal of all jewellery for physical education including extracurricular activities, tournaments and competitions. Jewellery, as a result of piercing and jewellery that is worn for cultural reasons must also be removed.

Removal of jewellery

Pupils must be asked to remove the jewellery themselves and under no circumstances should teachers assist pupils in removing any jewellery.

Piercings

There may be occasions when a personal adornment cannot reasonably be removed which may be the case of the healing period following piercings. This may lead to long periods when the pupil cannot participate in physical education lessons.

In such circumstances it is the Authority's view that consideration can be given to making the item safe for the wearer and other participants. This is normally done by covering the item with adhesive tape over the studs or rings to protect the pupil whilst wearing them.

This will, however, involve the school giving careful consideration to the activity that is to be undertaken and should only be used as a last resort.