



## Earrings and Jewellery during PE at New Mills Primary School

Earrings pose a significant risk to children participating in contact sports at school. If earrings get caught in another child's clothes or skin, injury can occur both to the child wearing the earrings and the child in contact with the earrings. We do not want to exclude any child from PE because they are wearing earrings. We therefore advise the following:

- **If children are having their ears pierced they should do this at the beginning of the summer holidays to enable them to have a 6 week period afterwards for healing to take place. After this time PLEASE TEACH YOUR CHILD TO TAKE OUT THEIR OWN EARRINGS!**
- Children are not permitted to wear jewellery, including pierced earrings, during PE lessons.
- Teachers are not allowed to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. It would therefore 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 are required to make them safe by taping, front and back, which may offer a measure of protection.
- The taping should be sufficient to prevent the stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (e.g. from someone or from equipment such as a ball).
- This taping should be done at home for younger children or prior to the lesson for older children. Older children should provide their own plasters or tape during this 6 week period.
- **Staff are not permitted to tape earrings for children**
- Staff reserve the right to prevent a child from taking part in any PE lesson or sport where the taping is likely to provide inadequate protection for the wearer or other children in the class.
- During swimming lessons children wearing earrings must either remove them or have them completely covered by a close fitting swimming cap.