



Offmore Primary School

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Dear Parents

Can we please remind parents that PE days are still uniform days and pupils should be dressed in the correct clothing. House colour t shirts and hoodies should be worn with plain navy joggers. Trainers must be suitable for outside PE; baseball boots are not appropriate.

Can we also remind you of the rules and expectations regarding earrings at Offmore Primary School.

The wearing of jewellery, earrings and ear-studs (metal or plastic) is not permitted on health and safety grounds during PE lessons and other sporting activities such as after school clubs or competitive fixtures. This is purely for the children's wellbeing and to ensure the safety of all children.

Earrings in particular represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in physical education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times. Serious accidents may occur as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or studs and other pupils or equipment, thus damaging the ear, or where items of jewellery have caught in apparatus and torn the ear lobe.

Pupils are advised to leave items of jewellery and earrings at home on days when they have physical education lessons. Pupils who are not able to remove earrings (as these may be newly pierced) may bring tape to school to tape over the earrings. **Please note that teaching staff are not permitted to do this for them.** PE is a statutory part of the children's education so it not acceptable for them to simply not participate.

Newly pierced ears can take a period of up to six weeks before sleepers and studs can be removed. Therefore, can I remind parents that ears should be pierced at the start of the summer holidays to allow sufficient time for earrings to be safely removed.

We thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Yours sincerely

Tabitha Smith
Head Teacher