

# SHAKESPEARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PE

### Earrings Policy



This approach is in line with Lancashire County Council best practice guidance.

- Only **one pair** of simple stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school. (This is in line with our Uniform Policy.)
- They **must be removed** by the child themselves for all PE, sporting activities and swimming lessons.
- We recommend children come to school without earrings in on swimming and PE days. If not, they must be able to take them out and replace them themselves.
- Staff are not allowed to remove earrings for the children.
- Children are responsible for their own earrings if they are taken out at school.
- We encourage parents to make use of the summer holidays for ear piercing. This will enable ears to heal before returning to school in September.

If your child is wearing earrings and they cannot be removed, your child will contribute to group planning, designing and tactical discussions during PE sessions. They may also have different tasks assigned to them during the practical elements of the lesson (for example, individual skills practices, peer coaching, observation and feedback tasks, videoing others to analyse at a later stage, or officiating in a games context.)

**If your child has their ears pierced during term time and cannot remove these due to the healing process:**

- For PE, a **signed permission** will be required to enable the use of **surgical tape**. Surgical tape must be supplied by the parent/carer and named. If no tape is provided then school may provide it as long as we have written consent.

Earrings cannot be worn for swimming under any circumstances as tape can come off in the pool and cause a choking hazard or result in pump room failure.

If the teacher considers the taping to be unsatisfactory to permit safe participation, they will need to make adaptations in terms of how your child takes part in the practical aspects of the lesson.

**Please note:**

***Plasters cannot be used to tape earring at any time.***