

# Wearing of Earrings for Primary School Swimming and PE Lessons Policy

Bracken Lane Primary Academy

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Only simple stud earrings are allowed to be worn to school.

They must be removed for PE and swimming.

We recommend children come to school without earrings in on swimming and PE days. If not, they must take them out and replace them themselves.

Staff are not allowed to take out or put in earrings.

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 academy in September.

**If children do have their ears pierced during term time:**

- For School Swimming lessons through Notts County Council: Children cannot wear earrings for school swimming. We recommend that children come to school without earrings on a school swimming day. Otherwise, they must be removed and replaced by the child. If earrings cannot be removed, then children will be excluded from school swimming lessons.
- For PE, signed permission for staff to apply/take off tape needs to be gained from parents/carers. Earrings can be taped for six weeks from the date of piercing. They must be removed for PE lessons after these six weeks; they can no longer be taped. The tape needs to be supplied by the parent/carer and named. If no tape is provided, then the academy may provide it as long as we have written consent. The form below must be used to gain permission and is available from the school office.
- Staff to be aware that the tape should be sufficient to prevent the stud post from penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received (ie from another child or a piece of equipment like a ball). The teacher supervising the children retains legal responsibility to ensure the taping is effective for purpose.

The consent form for staff to apply / take off tape is on Weduc for parents to complete.