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AND RESOURCED PROVISION FOR
HEARING IMPAIRED CHILDREN
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Dear Parents and Carers

Please be aware that Hampshire County Council's guidance on wearing jewellery in PE and Games lessons has now changed based on national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) and The Association of Physical Education (AfPE).

It is now felt that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences within the local authority where children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape.

The new guidelines state: **All jewellery should be removed prior to a physical education lesson due to the increased risk of it becoming caught or causing injury to the wearer or fellow learner. The wearing of any jewellery increases the risk of injury significantly.**

PLEASE NOTE that our school policy has been amended to reflect this. From March 2025, the main points to note from the policy are:

- **The only jewellery the school permits a child to wear is a small plain wrist watch and / or plain small studs or earrings. Other items are not permissible in school.**
- **Pupils with earrings must remove them for PE or Games. Taping of earrings is not an option**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Kind regards

Mrs Findlay
Headteacher