



Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Catholic Primary School

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A Catholic Voluntary Academy

Jewellery Policy

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Our Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Primary School is a community centred in Christ. Teaching is permeated by the Gospel values and the traditions of our Catholic faith.

We seek to promote a happy, stimulating and caring environment in which each person is valued as an individual with unique talents. The curriculum and activities of the school are carefully framed so that each pupil may fulfil his or her potential and know success. Each will grow in awareness of his or her role within the family, the school and society and be sustained by a deepening relationship with God.

Centred in Christ

We are...

HAPPY - We make new and happy memories together.

CARING - We are caring, kind and amazing just like Jesus.

VALUED - Each of us is an important part of the jigsaw, which makes up our school family.

UNIQUE - We are all special and respect each other's differences.

SUCCESSFUL - We never give up on our journey to success.

For with God nothing is impossible. Luke 1:37

This policy is written with health and safety considerations in mind. In this policy **Jewellery** refers to rings, watches, bracelets, neck chains, pendants, brooches and earrings. It also includes the wearing of acrylic or any other nail extensions.

General

- The wearing of stud in pierced ears is permitted, but these must be removed for PE and swimming or any other activities which they would be considered a risk to the health and safety of the children. If children are unable to remove their own earrings, these should be removed prior to attending school on PE days.
- Neck chains, rings, pendants, bracelets and brooches are not permitted with the exception of a small religious chain such as a crucifix or cross. This should be worn tucked into the child's shirt and are **not** to be worn on PE days.
- Watches are permitted, but this should be an analogue watch. No smart watches are to be worn in school.
- The wearing of acrylic nails is not permitted. They make it uncomfortable for children to write for long periods whilst also being a scratching hazard while playing or a health and safety concern for themselves.

PE Lessons

The wearing of Jewellery for PE lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the Jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked. Similarly, it can cause injuries to a third party.

- The school policy is that all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for PE lessons- without exception. Where removal is not possible by the child prior to the lesson, studs in pierced ears must be removed by the parent/carer on the morning before the lesson.
- In the event of a child not co-operating with the removal of jewellery PE then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

Swimming

The wearing of jewellery in swimming lessons constitutes a hazard as injuries can be caused to the wearer through the jewellery being accidentally caught or knocked.

- The school policy is that all jewellery and studs in pierced ears must be removed for swimming lessons.
- In the event of it not being possible to remove the jewellery or studs in pierced ears for swimming lessons or the child refusing to remove it, then s/he will not be permitted to take part and the parent/carer will be informed.

Parents'/Carers' responsibility

- Parents/carers are advised not to allow their child to have their ears pierced during term time. The ideal time for your child to have their ears pierced would be at the beginning of the 6-week summer break in order to allow sufficient time for the wound(s) to heal.
- In the event of a child coming to school wearing jewellery that is not in the policy, the child will be asked to remove it or, if that is not possible, the parent/carer will be contacted to come to school to remove it.
- We advise parents to leave all jewellery at home on PE days in school and if possible for their child / children not to come to school in jewellery at all.

Staff responsibility

- Staff will not, under any circumstances, be expected to or be allowed to examine pupils to see if jewellery or body piercings are being worn.
- Staff will not be expected to or allowed to remove any jewellery or studs in pierced ears being worn by a pupil; this will have to be done by the pupil themselves or by a parent/carer.
- Staff will not, under any circumstances, take any responsibility for the safekeeping of children's jewellery.

