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Dear Parents/Carers

Physical Education Jewellery Policy / Requirements

I am writing to remind you of our school uniform policy with regard to piercings and PE lessons at Hall Park Academy. The policy is designed to ensure our students have a safe experience in their PE lessons. Our expectations are based on national guidance issued by the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) and has the best interests of our students at heart.

Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. The Association for Physical Education (AfPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings.

It is therefore our expectation that students should not participate in any form of physical activity whilst wearing earrings or jewellery, including nose studs. It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure students are safe and this is only possible through full removal of jewellery with no exceptions.

We accept that piercings take time to heal, and this can be up to 6 weeks. We would therefore always advise that, if your child is considering getting a piercing, this is undertaken at the beginning of the summer holidays so as to maximise healing time. Any piercing that cannot be taken out at school will ultimately be detrimental to your child's physical education provision.

Jewellery at Hall Park Academy:

- If a student arrives to a PE lesson wearing jewellery, they should remove it and place it safely with their belongings or hand it in to the teacher to lock away safely.
- If a student is unable to remove a piercing, they will not be able to participate in the PE lesson practically and will be asked to either coach, officiate or complete some written work which will be PE theory.
- If students do not take jewellery off, they will be sanctioned accordingly, in line with the school's behaviour policy.
- This applies to all PE lessons, fixtures and extra-curricular sports activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue to strive to give all students at Hall Park Academy the best experience possible in PE. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Scott, i.scott@hallparkacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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