

Dear Parent/Carer

It has come to my attention that there may still be some confusion as to the Academy position in relation to children wearing earrings. Numerous newsletters have been issued informing parents that Rook's Nest Academy will not allow the wearing of jewellery with the exception of a watch and it is the intention of the Academy to fully enforce this position. Therefore, and due only to the fact that some parents are under the impression that healing time will be allowed, I would like to make the following announcement to ensure there is clarity once and for all.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Parents and carers are advised that there will be a significant change made to the School Uniform Policy with regard to earrings. In order to ensure that parents are fully aware of and have prior notice of this change it has been agreed to implement this from the 2 November 2015. This will allow children who planned to have their ears pierced this summer to do so and have a limited period of healing upon their return. As in the past, plasters must be worn and parents and carers must be aware that the wearing of earrings may not be allowed during PE and extra-curricular activities such as swimming, school trips and residential visits.

From the 2 November 2015, and in subsequent academic years, the wearing of earrings will not be permitted at any time and a healing period will no longer be in place. The Policy will be available at reception for those unable to view it on-line.

In short, this summer will be the only opportunity your child will ever be given to have their ears pierced while they remain a student at Rook's Nest Academy. This will be unequivocal and enforced stringently. Far too much time has been already given over to dealing with this issue and it remains the decision of the Governors on the grounds of health and safety, standards and education to enforce a no earring policy.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher