



# Jewellery Policy

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## Rationale

At Rushey Mead Primary School we are primarily concerned about our core purpose – teaching and learning. We aim to minimize anything that distracts teachers and learners from this core purpose. We also have a responsibility to ensure the safety and welfare of children and the wearing of jewellery includes the risk of injury to the wearer or another person. The potential loss of a valuable item may cause upset. Although this policy relates mainly to jewellery (including watches), it also applies to any valuable items brought into the school.

## Purposes

- Through this policy we aim to:
- Clarify the responsibility of the school, staff, pupils and parents / carers
- Ensure the safety of all pupils
- Prevent the loss of valuable items in school
- Ensure that teachers' time is spent on teaching and learning and not 'looking after' valuable items or searching for lost items
- Show respect for the faith backgrounds of pupils

## Guidelines

- Children must not bring valuables or jewellery to school, with the exception of items that have particular religious significance
- If children have their ears pierced, please do this at the beginning of the summer holidays to give the ears time to heal so earrings can be removed on return to school. If parents choose to go against this advice and have their children's ears pierced in term time, the piercing must be covered with tape while they are in school, until the ears have healed and earrings can be removed
- The school will not be liable for loss or damage to any valuables / jewellery brought to school
- Any valuables / jewellery inadvertently brought into school should be handed to the child's teacher or a member of office staff. These will **only** be available for collection by the parent / carer. If a child is unable to remove their own jewellery, parents/ carers will be asked to come into school to remove it
- Staff have a duty of care to ensure that jewellery is removed (or made safe) before any PE or sport activity, but the school will take no responsibility for any items that are removed.
- All jewellery **must** be removed or covered before swimming lessons