

Policy on Children Wearing Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery by children in the busy Nursery School, Children and Family Centre environment can present a potential hazard, in that it can easily get caught in equipment and clothing and cause choking and tearing injuries. Staff inform parents at Home Visits that the only form of jewellery that is acceptable are small stud earrings.

If a child arrives at Nursery wearing other forms of jewellery, this will be sensitively pointed out by the keyworker, and the parent encouraged to remove the items and take them home. If the items are only noticed during the session time they will be removed, put in a safe place and given to the parent/carer at collection time.

JEWELLERY MADE BY CHILDREN WITHIN THE NURSERY

Children enjoy making their own necklaces from beads and other items in Nursery and wearing them for the remainder of the session. In general these do not pose the same risk as other forms of jewellery as they are made from child friendly materials. However, staff must make sure that these are tied round the child's neck in a bow rather than a knot. Staff will be vigilant in ensuring that these do not present a risk as the child engages in other Nursery activities and insist that items are removed before climbing or going outside.

ETHNIC AND CULTURAL JEWELLERY

The wearing of ethnic jewellery will be dealt with on an individual basis, through discussion with the parent and keyworker, and a solution arrived at that is acceptable to both.

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