LACEYFIELDS ACADEMY

WEARING OF JEWELLERY IN SCHOOL

In the interests of children's safety the Governors at Laceyfields Academy have made the decision that **no jewellery** should be worn by any child whilst in school. This includes watches, bracelets, necklaces and earrings or anything else recognised as jewellery, including charity wrist bands. If pupils arrive in school wearing jewellery they will be asked to remove the item and if they cannot, parents will be sent for to remove the items themselves.

Whilst jewellery in worn no outdoor activities, climbing, PE or other 'active learning' can be accessed and the child will need to stay out of these sessions.

Risk Assessment

The decision is based on the following:

- *Risk to the wearer*. There is a potential for injury to the wearer due to inadvertent contact of jewellery with other people and from clothing and equipment. The extent of the injury is likely to vary from potentially major (e.g. ripped earlobe) to minor (e.g. discomfort).
- *Risk to other people*. This is generally low except in activities such as P.E or out at break times where injury could occur with jewellery worn by another child or catching jewellery on a climbing frame (e.g. scratches).
- *Risk from taping over jewellery*. There is a potential risk of injury to the wearer from removing tape or an allergic reaction to plasters. Hence the decision not to tape over jewellery.
- *Risk of damage, loss of jewellery.* The school cannot be held responsible for the loss or damage of jewellery.

It is recognised that some religions/cultures where certain types of piercing as part of their beliefs. Where this is known to be the case the school will negotiate with parents/carers to agree an appropriate way forward; it may be necessary to discuss this with their religious elder/leader. It would, however, be explained to the parents/carer that safety is the paramount concern and therefore the school policy should be adhered to if at all possible.

(Where jewellery is worn for sentimental reason parents will be advised that the policy needs to be upheld because we cannot take responsibility for damage or loss and jewellery will not be allowed to be worn).

Review

This appendix has been agreed by Staff and Governors of Laceyfields Academy and will be reviewed at the time of the Health and Safety Policy review.