

CHILDREN'S JEWELLERY

Merry Poppets Nursery are continually committed to ensure that all children are kept safe from harm whilst in our care.

Ornamental Jewellery

The wearing of jewellery or ornamental objects especially for personal adornment which includes earrings, ear-studs, rings, chains, bracelets and bangles whilst at nursery constitutes a health, safety and hygiene risk not only to the wearer but also to other children and staff. Parent /Carers are advised that it is prohibited for their child / children to wear "dangly" bracelets, necklaces, rings and earring during nursery therefore we ask parents / carers to adhere to this policy by not allowing your child / children to come to nursery wearing jewellery.

Should parents / carers choose to ignore this policy and allow their child/ children to wear jewellery in nursery must be aware that staff will sensitively remind parent / carers of our policy as this poses a potential health and safety risk, i.e. items might snag or catch on equipment or clothing such as dressing up clothes, climbing, play equipment and may present a possible strangulation risk and encouraged to remove the items and take them home. If such items are only discovered by staff during session time they will be remove by staff and put in a safe place to be given to parents / carer at collection time.

Ethnic and Cultural Jewellery

The wearing of ethnic jewellery will be considered on an individual basis, through discussion with parent /carers and nursery managers, and a solution arrived at that is acceptable to both parties with Health and Safety being at the forefront.

Children attending nursery jewellery with prior agreement such a small stud earrings or ethnic and cultural jewellery despite the health and safety risks must sign and return the nursery jewellery disclaimer form (example attached).

Staff will continue to be vigilant in ensuring any items notice do not present a risk and politely advise parent / carers that the nursery will not accept any liability for lost items and will take steps to ensure the policy is not breached.

REVIEWING THE POLICY

The Policy will be reviewed every year unless a change in legislation necessitates a shorter review period or there are changes in the activities or personnel of the Provision that require changes to be made.

Adapted by: Jane Laycock

Date: March 2018

Signed by: _____

Review date: March 2019

All staff aware of policy: Yes / No _____