Little Professors

Nursery

Policy on Children Wearing Jewellery

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The wearing of jewellery by children at Little Professors Nursery can present a potential hazard. This policy outlines which forms of jewellery can be worn and the procedures to be followed to minimise risk from more elaborate and "dangly" forms of jewellery.

Acceptable Jewellery

Staff warn parents that there is some risk attached to wearing any kind of jewellery and that generally this is a practice best avoided. However, the wearing of small stud earrings is acceptable. Staff remain particularly vigilant in those areas where jewellery might snag or catch on equipment or clothing such as the dressing up area, on climbing equipment. At times it may be necessary to remove a child's jewellery which will then be put in an envelope in a safe place and given to the parent/carer at collection time.

Unacceptable Jewellery

Parents will be advised that it is unacceptable for their child to wear "dangly" bracelets, necklaces, rings and earrings, during the induction process.
If a child arrives at Nursery wearing such jewellery it 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 and 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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