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Dear Parents/Carers

Many thanks again for being so compliant and understanding regarding the jewellery rules. I appreciate that inconvenience by you have to pick up the items confiscated. However, we have had very few instances of jewellery and so the sanction seems to have worked. I am confident that this is also because you have reiterated your inconvenience to them at home too. It is always great when we work so well together so thank you.

I just want to bring to your attention to some concerns over piercings. I appreciate that this is only relevant to a few of you, however, I am always transparent in my communications so that people can see I am being fair. We have had a spate of young people getting their ears and noses pierced in term time. Whilst they look lovely and I have no personal issues against piercings, I am very clear that they are not allowed to be worn in school. This is not a new rule and has been in place since 2014. I regularly communicate to you all that all piercings are to be done at the start of the school holidays, so they have time to heal, as they are not allowed in school.

Unfortunately, some young people think that they are exempt from this rule and they are not. By deciding to come to Sir Thomas Boteler Church of England High School you are agreeing to our rules. Currently if a child has a piercing, they lose their break and lunchtime until they can remove it and they have to wear coverings over the piercing. The reason I initially made this decision is because I did not want them not to be missing any learning. However, I am concerned this actually undermines the rules and the very values of fairness, because they are in lessons with the piercings in.

Therefore, going forward if a young person comes to school with a piercing and refuses to take it out for any reason, they will be isolated immediately and parents/carers will be asked to come in for a meeting that day where possible. They will remain in isolation until the meeting can be held. Ultimately the young person will then have to remove the piercing, regardless of when it was done, as these are the rules. If the piercing is removed after the meeting, then everything returns to normal and no sanctions are needed.

We may well introduce isolating the young person further depending on the case and this may take place at another school as a form of off-site direction, this of course is dependent on the level of defiance. Also, by refusing to follow the rules and refusing to take the piercing out, this would mean unfortunately they may not be able to access any of the rewards events or trips at the end of the term/year.

Clear earrings or nose studs are also not allowed, just to avoid any confusion.

I really do appreciate your support with this.

Yours faithfully,

Beverley Scott-Herron  
**Headteacher**



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