

26th May 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Re: Uniform, Earrings/studs in PE

We often find that after a break from school, such as half term, some students return with new piercings, acrylic gel nails or what we would consider extreme hair styles. Please consider that while outside school time, students are allowed this, upon return to school, we expect students to adhere to our uniform policy <https://www.johnogauntschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Uniform-Policy-2022-23-Nov-2022.pdf>. This will mean if they return with any of these that do not follow our policy, students will be asked to remove or correct them immediately.

We have had a number of cases recently, where students have chosen to have piercings during the school term and then saying that they cannot be removed. For reasons of health and safety, earrings and studs **must** be removed for PE lessons and we are not permitted to allow students to tape them up as an alternative. Piercings are not a valid reason for students to miss Physical Education lessons, which are part of the compulsory curriculum the school is required to deliver as per government guidance. Therefore, please can I politely request that piercings are planned to enable this to happen without interruption.

When we have to expend energy on dealing with uniform issues and defiance, this takes away from the core purpose of our work. The support of parents/carers in these areas is a vital part of ensuring students receive a high-quality education at JOG. Therefore, please can I ask that you take some time to talk to your children about these things and ensure they are supplied with the full correct uniform so that they can attend school smartly dressed and ready to learn.

If you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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