



STARLINGS PRESCHOOL

Earring Policy

Although Starlings Preschool has no objections to earrings being worn in the setting and subsequent environments (in the care of Starlings preschool staff), we would suggest that children wear quick release/easily removable, small close-fitting stud type earring. This is to prevent potential accidents such as the earring being ripped from the ear or damage to the ear. As the setting is a busy and active setting, we feel this is an important health and safety issue, particularly if the earring was to fall out and hurt themselves or swallow it.

We have researched advise from NDNA and PACEY, their advice is not to allow earrings to be worn in childcare settings but understand that we follow parents' wishes as closely as possible. NDNA advise that if parents prefer to allow their child to wear earrings in childcare setting, then they have to understand the potential health and safety risk and such a disclaimer must be signed by the parent absolving the childcare of responsibility should damage occur to the child wearing the earrings as a result of wearing the earrings.

Procedure

If earrings are to be worn then the parent(s) must be made aware and are to be fully advised of the health and safety risks.

Children are to wear studs only to the setting or where possible covering the earrings with surgical tape whilst in the setting, tape to be administered by the parent on arrive and parent to remove at the end of session. Or alternatively wearing easily released earrings, not with safety catches.

Parents are to sign the admissions form which allows the child to wear earrings and signing a disclaimer acknowledging this policy and procedure and absolving the setting and its staff from any liability because of damage to the ear whilst the child is wearing earrings in the setting.

This policy was adopted by Starlings Preschool

On 6th September 2021

Date to be reviewed

Signed on behalf of the management committee

Name of signatory Tricia Hunt

Role of signatory Chairperson

