



# School Newsletter

## Monday 9th June 2025

*'You must love one another as I have loved you.'* John 13 v 34.

Working together with love we will provide a happy and nurturing environment where all will, **'learn to love and love to learn'**, making outstanding progress through an enriched and creative curriculum. Through our strong Christian ethos we will celebrate and embrace the richness of our community.

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### PE Kits / Jewellery

**PE and Sport is highly valued at St Giles' CE Primary. Across the school there is external, professional coaching in place to teach gymnastics, football, hockey, cricket, athletics, dance and swimming.**

**Due to safety concerns, children are not allowed to wear jewellery while taking part in PE and Sport. Please ensure all jewellery is removed on PE Days. \*Children should also be wearing simple studs to school and not hooped/dangly rings to school for the same reasons.**

**Either– remove jewellery completely on PE Days or cover earrings with tape in preparation so that children can participate safely.**

**Thank you in advance of your full cooperation and support.**

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# JEWELLERY IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## General Statement

The wearing of personal effects, such as jewellery and watches, can present risks of injury to the person and/or others involved in an activity. Exposure to the risk of injury from such items can principally occur in Physical Education.

## General Aims

To ensure that employees and others, such as school pupils, taking part in Physical Education lessons are aware;-

- of the hazards of wearing jewellery & watches
- that control measures are in place to avoid the risk of injury
- that to enable individuals to understand that, as well as the right to protection, they also have to exercise responsibility.

## Scope

This procedure applies where persons who are wearing jewellery and watches can potentially expose themselves and others to the risk of injury while taking part in Physical Education.

There have been serious incidents and legal cases involving jewellery in PE and physical activity and this procedure protects against that happening. It is not just about making the wearer of the ear-ring safe, it is about keeping everyone safe thus making a parental disclaimer ineffective and legally unenforceable.

## Procedure

The following advice applies to ALL body jewellery and watches, except for bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed. These bracelets will be covered with a sweatband and secured by tape.

1. There should be risk assessments in place for all PE activities e.g., rugby, football, hockey, etc. The risk assessments should be made specific to each activity. Wearing of jewellery should be identified as a hazard in each risk assessment with a subsequent control measure (exemption from activity, removal of jewellery/watch, cover-up of bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed, adjustment to activity, etc.). The risk assessments should be written. All relevant staff should have the risk assessment and its findings shared with them.
2. All schools should follow the advice of the Association for Physical Education (AfPE) as follows:
  - The basic rule is that all jewellery should be removed as this then removes that

particular hazard.

- The National guidance has always been that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming and physical activity. It is not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing ear-rings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.
- Where an item of Jewellery cannot be removed then it is the adult teaching the group's responsibility to try to establish a safe situation to enable participation by considering how, or if, the context can be made safe by amending the task, conditioning the activity, or creating some other management strategy to make participation safe. Where safe participation cannot be assured then the pupil cannot take part in that element of the lesson.
- Low risk is where children can work and be secure in their own personal space. This could be warming up, skills practices, observing and analysing, officiating or coaching.
- Higher risk is where that personal space could be compromised, either by other participants or by equipment. This could be games activities where there are elements of 'scrimmage', gymnastics where children are close to each other or where the floor / equipment could come close to the ears, swimming, dodgeball, football etc.
- It is good practice to regularly ask if anyone is wearing body jewellery. If they disclose this, then the process of removal or considering whether safe participation can be made possible should apply.
- If there is no disclosure but some body piercing is seen during the session then from that point the process above needs to be applied – remove, make safe (in the event of bracelets worn for religious reasons that cannot be removed) or take no further participation in aspects of the session that would put the wearer or others at risk.
- Pupils should remove their own jewellery. This should be made clear to parents and carers. If the child is unable to do this themselves, they should not wear any. School policy should explain this to parents from the outset.

3. PE teachers should remind classes of this at the start of every lesson.

4. Parents should be reminded that the school has the higher-level duty of care and cannot be put in the situation of looking after their child without exercising that duty of care. It is dictated by national guidance, and they need to comply. Parental disclaimers are ineffective and legally unenforceable.

# **Climbing Wall Experience**

Redpoint (Birmingham's Premier Climbing Centre) returns to St Giles' CE Primary on

**Friday 11th July.**

Due to a limited take-up from Year 6, this experience has now been opened up to all children in Year 5 from Friday 13th June.

**Book now to avoid disappointment through the School Gateway App.**

All climbing is supervised by a specialist trained and





## School Trips and In School Enrichment Experiences

A

range of trips, visits and experiences have been arranged for the Summer Term. Experiences can only go ahead if supported financially by parents. The school works hard to reduce costs for parents and subsidises the costs of trips to reduce the financial burden upon families. Please check the School App for visits and experiences available for your child. This year St Giles Church have fully funded trips to Lichfield Cathedral for Years 4 and 6. The school has secured also secured a fully trip to the Black Country Museum for Year 2.

~~Nursery and Reception – Friday 23rd May (In School Farm Experience)~~

~~Year 1 – Friday 23rd May – Twycross Zoo~~

~~Year 2 – Friday 6th June – Cadbury World~~

~~Year 2 – Thursday 10th July – Black Country Museum (Funded by ARTS Council)~~

~~Year 3 – Friday 13th June – Black Country Museum~~

~~Year 4 – Wednesday 11th June – Lichfield Cathedral (Funded by St Giles Church)~~

~~Year 4 – Carding Mill Valley – 4S 20th / 4G 27th June~~

~~Year 5 – Friday 11th July St Thomas More Retreat Day~~

~~Year 6 – Tuesday 20th May – Lichfield Cathedral (Funded by St Giles Church)~~

~~Year 6 – West End In School / Shakespeare Drama Day - Friday 4th July~~

~~Year 6 – Rock Climbing/Climbing Wall – Friday 11th July~~

~~Year 5 and 6 – Skateboarding – Monday 14th July~~

~~Year 3 and 4 – Skateboarding – Tuesday 15th July~~

~~Year 1 and 2 – Skateboarding – Wednesday 16th July~~



## Sports Week 2025

**As always– to coincide with National Sports Week, parents/carers are invited to watch children take part in a variety of events during Sports Week 2025.**

### Events will take place on the Main Sports Field

**Monday 16th June– Nursery (am) and RS  
(10.00am)**

**\*Nursery (pm) and RG (2.00pm)**

**Tuesday 17th June—Year 1 (9.15am) Year 2  
(10.45am)**

**Thursday 19th June Year 3 (9.15am) Year 4  
(10.45am)**

**Friday 20th June– Year 6 (9.15am) Year 5  
(11.10am)**

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## School Attendance

For most pupils, the best place to be is in school, surrounded by the support of their friends and teachers.

This is important not just for your child's learning, but also for their overall wellbeing, wider development and their mental health. The Chief Medical Officer has [written a letter](#) to schools explaining why [regular attendance](#) is vital to the life chances of children and young people.

As a parent, it can be difficult to know when to send your child into [school](#) if they are feeling unwell or mildly anxious, but finding solutions is a team effort between schools, parents and children, and there is support and information available to help you make the best decision for your child.

There is lots of support available in school to support and overcome barriers to attendance. If you are requiring support, or would like to know what support is available, please contact Mr Dow or Mrs Leonowicz who will be more than happy to help.

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## Poetry Performances

Parents are welcome to join us for our Spring/Summer Performance Poetry programme. Each week a class will perform three poems in Church.

Doors Open 8.30am with performances commencing at 9.00am.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February-6S

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March-6G

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March-5S

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March- \*4G POSTPONED

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April-4S/4G

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May-3G

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May-3S

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May-5G

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June,2S,2G

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June-1G

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June-1S

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July-EYFS



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

<b>Chickenpox</b>	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
<b>Diarrhoea and Vomiting</b>	48 hours after their last episode
<b>Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)</b>	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
<b>Impetigo</b>	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
<b>Measles</b>	4 days after the rash first appeared
<b>Mumps</b>	5 days after the swelling started
<b>Scabies</b>	they've had their first treatment
<b>Scarlet Fever</b>	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
<b>Whooping Cough</b>	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

<b>Hand, foot and mouth</b>	<b>Glandular fever</b>
<b>Head lice</b>	<b>Tonsillitis</b>
<b>Threadworms</b>	<b>Slapped cheek</b>



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrc0.de/minfec>.

## Term Dates

### **2024/25 academic year**

Autumn term 2024

Term ends: Friday 20 December 2024

Spring term 2025

Term starts: Monday 6 January 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 17 February 2025 to Friday 21 February 2025

Term ends: Friday 11 April 2025

Summer term 2025

Term starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

### **INSET Days / Non– Pupil Days**

Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025

~~INSET 1– Monday 2 September 2024~~

~~INSET 2– Wednesday 25th September 2024~~

~~INSET 3– Wednesday 29th January 2025~~

**INSET 4– Wednesday 25th June 2025**

INSET 5– Monday 21 July 2025

## Term Dates

### **2025/26 academic year**

#### Autumn term 2025

- Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025

**Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025**

#### Spring term 2026

- Term starts: Monday 5 January 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026

**Term ends: Friday 27 March 2026**

#### Summer term 2026

- Term starts: Monday 13 April 2026
- Half term holiday: Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026

**Term ends: Monday 20 July 2026**

**INSET 1 Monday 1st September 2025**

**INSET 2 Wednesday 1st October 2025**

**INSET 3 Wednesday 28th January 2026**

**INSET 4 Wednesday 24th June 2026**

**INSET 5 Monday 20th July 2026**



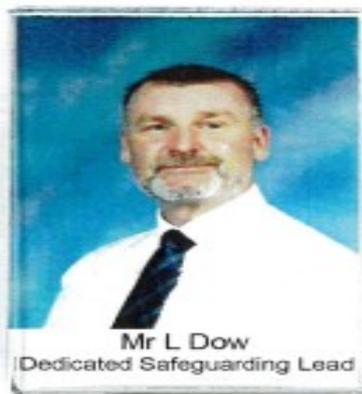
# St Giles' CE Primary School **Safeguarding Team**



Mr Mark Dakin  
Headteacher



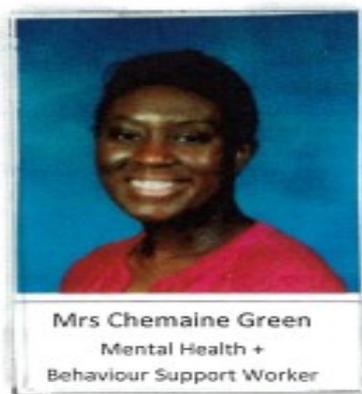
Mrs Harsimrat Kaur Mavi  
Deputy Headteacher



Mr L Dow  
Dedicated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Lindsey Leonowicz  
Safeguarding Manager



Mrs Chemaine Green  
Mental Health +  
Behaviour Support Worker



Cllr. Simran Cheema  
Safeguarding Governor

## Safeguarding at St Giles' CE Primary School

2024/25

If you have any Safeguarding Concerns please contact

Mr Dow on:

07932 708724

[ldow@st-giles.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:ldow@st-giles.walsall.sch.uk)

**NSPCC** ™

**HELPLINE**

**0808 800 5000**

**help@nspcc.org.uk**

**If you have any concerns about a child, trust your instincts and contact the NSPCC Helpline. Our specialist team will listen, advise and take any action needed.**

An estimated 1 in 20 children have experienced sexual abuse. And child sexual abuse is under-reported by adults. It's time for that to change.

It's never too soon to talk to us. And what you share could make a life-changing difference to a child.

You can contact the NSPCC Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000, emailing [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or completing our report abuse online form.

Due to an increase in demand across our service, our voice Helpline is currently available 11am–5pm Monday to Friday. You can still email [help@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:help@NSPCC.org.uk) or complete our report abuse online form at any time for free. You don't have to say who you are.

**If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.**