

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

### **Pierced Ear Retainer Letter**

Dear parents and carers

We would like to apologise for an error on the Morpeth Road website within the school uniform policy (in the parents and carers section) relating to pierced ears and earrings. This document has now been removed.

In order to ensure that no child or parent/carers is disadvantaged by following the incorrect information provided by us, we are making a temporary amendment to the WISE uniform policy, to accommodate the recent piercing of ears during the summer holidays.

Plastic clear retainers will be allowed in school until the 17th of November, this period will provide sufficient time for the piercing to harden and the retainers to be removed. From Monday 20th November 2022 earrings and retainers will not be allowed to be worn in school under any circumstances. This will then make our schools compliant with WISE Trust policy that applied to all the academy schools across Sunderland, North Tyneside, Northumberland and Newcastle upon Tyne.

I would like to thank you for your understanding and apologise once more for this error. I will ensure that parents and carers are informed at the end of the academic year as a reminder for children at this point to have their ears pierced so that they are healed in time for the new academic year.

Your anticipated support is much appreciated



Mrs D Ward  
Executive Headteacher