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Dear Parents,

We are writing to address the matter of nose piercings amongst our student body. As you may be aware, the majority of local schools maintain a strict "no nose stud" policy. In our commitment to supporting students we have adopted a more adaptive approach, allowing students to wear a clear retainer. This concession was made purely to prevent piercings from closing over.

Our school policy regarding nose piercings has been consistently clear and regularly communicated to students and parents. The understanding has been that clear retainers are permissible, and other forms of nose jewellery are not.

Recently, we have observed an increasing number of students disregarding this policy by wearing metal, gold, or silver nose jewellery. This is unacceptable and constitutes a breach of our established guidelines.

We understand that personal expression is important; however, maintaining a consistent and respectful learning environment is paramount. We have attempted to be accommodating, but the continued disregard for our policy leaves us with little choice.

Therefore, we are writing to you to let you know that if this continues we will be forced to revoke the allowance of clear retainers and revert to a **"no nose piercings"** policy. This means that all nose jewellery, including retainers, will be prohibited during school hours and sanctions will be in place for those students who do not comply with this.

We ask you to have a conversation with your child about the importance of adhering to school policies and the potential consequences of non-compliance. We believe that a collaborative effort between the school and parents is essential in maintaining a positive and respectful learning environment.

We will review whether students are making the right choice and wearing clear retainers to school and come back to you before the Easter holidays to confirm our decision. Any student in the meantime who wears a metal, gold or silver nose stud or hoop will be removed from circulation for the day.

We remind you that if you choose to have your child's nose pierced during term time there will be no allowance for wearing anything other than a clear retainer.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss H Jones**

Deputy Headteacher

