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Dear Parents/ Guardians

We have recently been informed by another local school that a pupil has been hospitalised and required major surgery following swallowing a magnetic tongue piercing. The pupil then informed her parents that many of her friends wear these piercings and have also swallowed the magnets.

It would appear that this recent craze is taking place across the whole of the UK and included is a link to a news report containing a warning from Trading Standards that these fake piercings are a “serious health hazard”:

<https://www.leicestermercury.co.uk/news/health/warning-over-fake-piercings-craze-1590242>

Please take time to discuss this with your child and advise them of the serious health risks of buying or wearing these fake piercings.

Yours sincerely

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