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Leek High
School

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Our Ref: RDR/jc

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Health and Safety Issue

Recently we have experienced a number of incidents in school where students, following the current fashion trend to wear the adhered false acrylic nails, have suffered injury. The injury sustained is where the false nail has been 'ripped' from the finger taking with it the natural nail underneath; a nasty and painful experience for the student. This has happened when students are participating in normal school activities. We have, as a school, taken the decision that the adding of the false nail is not helpful, and our recent experience is that they are in fact a hazard for those wearing them and impedes normal daily activities in school.

In readiness for the new term we would appreciate your support in ensuring that students who have such added nails currently do not replace them, or that as a student they do not look to add them. This will help us ensure our students can attend, function and participate in school without distraction or injury.

If you have any concerns regarding our decision not to allow the wearing of the 'false nails', please contact the relevant Head of Year.

As with the false nails we would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the school does not allow students from year 9 to 11 to wear any facial piercings however small or delicate.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Reader
Assistant Headteacher

