



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that we do have cases of head lice identified in school. Lice are a nuisance and it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread.

As we currently have cases in school, we would ask you to check your child's head as soon as possible. Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your child's head once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find any live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at all the family.

TREAT

- Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- Check that all head lice have gone within 2/3 days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice. Whilst, as a school, we can offer advice on treating head lice, we cannot exclude a child from school because they have head lice, nor can we force parents/carers to treat their child. We would hope all parents/carers would want to ensure that their child is free from head lice to ensure that they do not spread across school.

Yours sincerely

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