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HEAD LICE

Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a notification that there is a case of head lice in your child's class. I am writing to give you some guidance and advice about head lice.

Please check your child's hair and keep checking regularly. The use of a **detection comb**, which can be purchased from most chemists, will help you to find any lice.

If your child has head lice, please treat him/her straight away with the following method. Please also inform the School Office and anyone who may have had head-to-head contact with your child.

Wet Combing Method

Head lice may be cleared over a two week period by the following method:



- * Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo
- * Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is still very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with the head lice detection comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and to do this over a pale surface such as a paper towel or the bath
- * Clear the comb of lice between each stroke
- * Wet lice find it difficult to escape and hair which is slippery from conditioner make it hard for them to keep a grip – so removal with the comb is easier
- * If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for **two weeks** so that any lice emerging from eggs are removed before they can spread

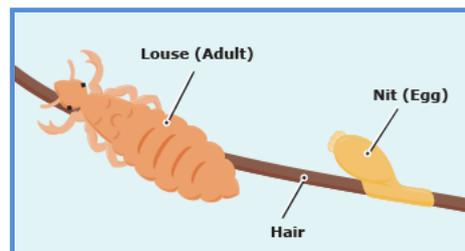
Remember

- * Regular brushing and combing of hair with a detection comb prevents a louse from laying more eggs (nits)
- * Inspect the hair of everyone in the family once a week

Help break the stigma of head lice by informing relatives, friends and the School. This will also help to control the spread of the lice.

Yours faithfully

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