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Dear Parents / Carers

HEAD LICE

We currently have children in school with head lice. Since September the number of children with head lice has grown considerably and we need parents help to try and stop them spreading further. Please could we ask you to spend five minutes checking your child/ren's hair. If your child has nits, (small white blobs that stick to the hair shaft near the skull), or live lice, you will need to treat the whole family.

Use a recommended head lice preparation or plenty of conditioner. Then, using a small nit comb, comb the whole head in small sections starting right at the base of the hair. Do this several times, checking the comb for nits or lice. **Do this every night until the head is clear**

Lotions are available from your Doctor and all registered retail pharmacies. If the problem still persists after several nights of the above procedure, you should either see your GP or the school nurse - Telephone: 01778 394185 for further help and advice. Further information about headlice and how to treat it can be found on the following link:-

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/introduction.aspx>

Check your child's head at least once a week, and then treat immediately if necessary. If your daughter has long hair please could you send her to school with it tied back as having hair tied back helps prevent head lice spreading between children.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J King
School Administrator