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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Head Lice

There has recently been a case of head lice identified in your child's school. As you may be aware headlice can be very contagious and can affect many children within the school community.

It is important that a child's hair is checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. The information below gives advice on how best to treat head lice;

Follow the simple routine below to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice.
- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and use conditioner to make combing easier. Towel dry hair and remove tangles with a wide toothed comb. Using a detection comb part hair into small sections and comb the hair from scalp to the end. Wipe the comb each time with a piece of kitchen paper and check for live lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist or GP for treatment advice. Head lice treatments are available on prescription.
- If live lice are detected all close contacts should carry out detection combing.

TREAT

- Only treat if live lice are identified.
- As soon as live lice are detected.
- Use a clinically proven treatment – if unsure advice can be sort from the school nurse or pharmacist.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect – leaving it on for longer will not make it more effective.

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COMPLETE

- Ensure you repeat the treatment as advised on treatment instructions.
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

There is no reason for you to keep your child off school if live headlice are found. For more advice and support contact your pharmacist, doctor or visit:

www.hpa.org.uk

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk

Thank you for your co-operation

Yours sincerely

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