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Dear Parents

It has been brought to my attention that there are some cases of Head lice in your child's class. Could I please ask you to thoroughly look through your child's hair each night and if you find signs of head lice, treat them immediately. If you do discover head lice please treat the whole family, using either a specialised treatment or by following the Wet combing method below.

If you do use a specialised treatment please follow the treatment instructions carefully as many of them require a second treatment to be fully effective.

Wet combing method

Head lice can be cleared over a two week period by the following instructions below:-

Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo.

Using lots of hair conditioner and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and 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 makes 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 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.

Please do not feel concerned if you discover your child has head lice as they seem to prefer clean hair.

In addition to this, can I please ask that if your child has long hair, that they keep it tied up for school, as this has been proven to reduce the number of cases of head lice.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Wheaver
Principal