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Dear Parents and Carers

### **HEAD LICE**

As a number of cases of head lice have been reported in the school, I would advise you to check thoroughly for both lice and nits. The following guidelines have been supplied by the Area Health Authority. I appreciate that this is an unpleasant task, but appreciate your support in checking your child's hair so that we can limit the spread!

Yours sincerely,

Miss T McNamara  
Headteacher

### **PARENT WATCH**

#### **PREVENT HEAD LICE BY:**

INSPECTING your child's head carefully at least once every week.

ONLY treat if you see evidence of head lice.

OBTAIN lotion from chemist or G.P.

REMEMBER all children are likely to get head lice as they often sit with heads touching. Head lice walk from head to head, they cannot fly, hop or jump.

COMB your child's hair thoroughly every night - combs injure and kill lice.

FINE TOOTH comb wet hair once every week.

#### **OTHER POINTS TO REMEMBER**

SCHOOL NURSES no longer carry out mass inspections (they have been found to be ineffective).

SCHOOL is not always the source of infection.

NEWLY LAID EGGS and newly hatched lice are difficult to see for 10 days, hence the need for weekly inspections by parents.

#### **A SIMPLE ROUTINE WILL KEEP YOUR CHILD FREE OF HEAD LICE**