



Head Lice

A case of head lice has been identified at school today and the family affected has been advised as to suitable treatment.

Please carefully check your child's hair during the next few days, to ensure that there is no evidence of infestation.

Remember - All members of the family need to be checked and treated with the wet combing system including yourself and other close family members.

If you are in any doubt about the presence of head lice, the staff at your local clinic will be happy to advise you. You are also welcome to pop into school to see our Welfare Assistant.

The clinic gives the following advice that avoids the use of chemicals. This is believed to be just as effective.

Do Not Wash Hair!

Put Conditioner onto dry hair (it does not have to be expensive)

Use a fine comb to dislodge any adult lice and loosen eggs

Rinse thoroughly

Repeat this at least every two days for a fortnight. Continue to keep an eye on the situation and repeat the above if necessary.

Chemical treatments should **only** be used if **live** head lice are seen in the hair, following the instruction supplied. No more than **two** consecutive applications should be used (one week apart). If lice are still present after 2 weeks you will need to use a different lotion. Chemicals are **Not** to be used as a preventative measure.

It is very helpful in containing the spread of head lice if parents always inform us immediately when a child is affected. Your co-operation in the past has enabled the school to keep the problem to a minimum.

Bug Busting kits available to buy from the school office.

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