

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: HEADLICE

At least one case of head lice has occurred in your child's class this term, and we need parents to be vigilant in eradicating this nuisance.

Head Lice are:

- Treatable
- Preventable
- A nuisance
- Unlikely to re-infest once off the head

Head Lice do:

- Spread by head to head contact
- Like all hair, clean, dirty, young or old
- Live on humans and feed off human blood
- Live for about one month
- The eggs take 7 – 10 days to hatch

Head Lice DO NOT:

- Fly, jump, or hop
- Live on animals
- Carry disease

Only live head lice can be killed by lotion, the eggs have to be combed out using a fine toothed comb, after having soaked the hair in conditioner. **This process needs to be done at least every two to three days for two weeks.** Please could you ensure that any long hair is tied back and sprayed with hairspray, as this can reduce the risk of head lice climbing onto the hair. It is a real nuisance and time consuming but the whole family need to take these precautions.

PLEASE, PLEASE help – it only takes one egg, so even if you think your child is clear – COMB, COMB, COMB.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher