

HEAD LICE POLICY

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We are aware that head lice are parasitic insects with hook-like claws on each of their six legs that live in the hair of humans feeding on the blood of their host.

We provide regular information to parents in regard to head lice prevention and how to deal with infestation. Parents must be made aware that having head lice is a problem that can be easily dealt with and that children are likely to get head lice at some point in their school career.

Aims:

To ensure parents are aware of the need to be checking their children's hair regularly and know how to deal with the problem of head lice.

Procedure:

Role of the School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ communicate regularly with parents via email, newsletters and information on the school website; ▪ encourage children to tie back long hair; ▪ identify repeat cases and speak to the parents who may be not aware of the problem; ▪ send out alert email to parents once head lice have been found in school; ▪ not inspect a child's hair but we inform the parent if we feel a suspected problem exists; ▪ If whilst your child is in school we notice a severe infestation of head lice, you will be contacted and will be requested to come and collect your child. Once treated they can return to school. ▪ not identify children who have head lice;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ not exclude any child on the grounds of having head lice;
Role of Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ advised to check their child’s hair regularly and know how to deal with infestation
Effectiveness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We believe this policy will be effective only if we ensure consistency across the school by regular monitoring.