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Dear Parent / Carer,

IMPORTANT LETTER

Head Lice Within Theseus Class

We have had reports today of head lice in Theseus class.

I am writing to ask if you could have a look through your child's hair tonight and treat their hair if you find head lice present.

I appreciate that as parents we try our best to be vigilant and follow the guidance given. However, to prevent the on-going spread of head lice, the academy will ring and ask for your child to be collected from the academy if live head lice are spotted in their hair.

I would please ask for your urgent co-operation in this matter.

Facts

- Lice take 6-14 days to become fully grown, after which they are capable of reproduction. Head lice are not fussy about hair length or condition. Clean hair is therefore no protection, although regular (e.g. weekly) hair washing and combing sessions offer a good opportunity to detect head lice, and arrange treatment if discovered.
- Products may be capable of killing eggs, as well as lice, but there is no certainty of this. *Check for baby lice hatching out from eggs 3-5 days after you use it, and again at 10-12 days*
- ***Head lice can survive in bedding for up to 24 hours, so please check/treat pillows and pillow cases and any hats etc***
- If the problem persists – then you should take advice from your local school nurse, health visitor, pharmacist or GP, who will be able to advise you on alternative treatments and explain how to use these to best effect.



Yours sincerely

Mr S. Bate
Headteacher



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