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Dear Parents / Carers

We have had a reported case of head lice. Please check your child's head and treat if necessary:

LICE LIKE CLEAN HAIR - PLEASE CHECK REGULARLY

To ensure prompt detection and to prevent the spread of head infestation, we would advise you to look particularly closely at your child's hair each week. Brushing and combing thoroughly every day can be an effective preventative measure.

The eggs of the lice are more easily detected than the insect itself. They look like shiny white oval specks, stuck to the hair and cannot be easily brushed off like dandruff. The eggs tend to be laid at the nape of the neck, behind the ears and on the top of the head.

An effective treatment which is available in lotion form can be obtained from your family doctor, chemist or local child health clinic. Correct use of the lotion will get rid of the head lice but will NOT prevent your child from catching them again.

Please do not use the treatment as a preventative measure. The lice may become resistant to it. If your child does need treatment, it is advisable that all members of the family are inspected and treated if necessary and that friends and school are informed.

Please note that chlorine in swimming baths makes the lotion inactive. Wash out all traces of chlorine before treatment and do not allow your child to swim for twenty-four hours after treatment.

Research has shown that head inspections are ineffective in controlling this problem, therefore, school nurses no longer carry out routine inspections. They will, however, along with health visitors, be pleased to offer advice on detection and treatment of head lice.

Yours sincerely

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