



Head Lice Policy

Introductory Statement

Head lice infection is a community problem not a school one. However, the school will support families in their efforts to eradicate the problem.

Rationale

Head lice spread very easily and can cause a lot of trouble and upset for children and families.

Procedures

- Once a head lice outbreak is detected a letter will be issued to parents without delay.
- Parents are asked to notify the school if their child contracts head lice.
- If a child is in school with head lice the school reserves the right to ask that the child be treated as "sick" and kept at home until correctly treated.
- The school will provide information to parents on how to treat head lice.
- Once a term, the school will announce a "Bug-Busting Weekend" and request that all parents check/treat their children that weekend.
- The teacher/principal should communicate directly with the parents of the child in question.
- Staff will deal with any outbreak of head lice with discretion and confidentiality.

Date of Ratification by the Single School Manager:

Signed: 4th Dec '15

Patricia O'Brien, Single School Manager