



"We Grow Together in God's Love"

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Dear Parents

It has been reported that we have an outbreak of head lice in your child's class.

In view of this I ask that you thoroughly inspect every member of your family as a matter of urgency.

Some parents have expressed concerns about head lice. We ask that we all work together, and all parents/carers take responsibility. If you need any help and advice, do not hesitate to contact school, who can put you in touch with the school nurse.

Schools may be a source of head lice. While there are some children who do acquire head lice from other children in school, the risks of becoming infected are just as great, if not greater outside school. The only way of controlling the spread of head lice is proper treatment of people who are actually infected.

- Groom your children's hair **at least** once a week using a very fine-toothed comb (available at any chemist.)
- If you find lice in your child's hair it is possible that they have already been infected for several weeks and that infection may have spread to everyone in the family. Every member of your family should be checked using a detection comb, even if they do not have symptoms. **It is necessary to retreat 7-10 days after the first application. Please follow instructions on the treatment.**
- If you should find any head lice or nits your own doctor or chemist will be able to advise on treatment. During the week after treatment, the special fine-toothed comb should be used to check **wet** hair on a frequent basis.
- Children's hair needs to be checked on a regular basis especially if head lice have been reported in school. It is important therefore that you protect your own child and family by regular checks and by treating anyone who is infected.

If your child presents at school with Head Lice, we will make contact with parents to discuss this matter. This may result in you being asked to withdraw your child from school for treatment and then return the same day.

Can we remind you that all long hair is tied back for school at all times.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wainwright

Headteacher