

NITS



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At the moment, we are continually being advised of cases of head lice throughout the school. With half term approaching, please can we appeal to all parents to take this opportunity to check their children and treat them accordingly. Please see below for detailed advice.

It is recommended that you inspect your child's hair at least once a week throughout the school year. Head lice don't always cause an itchy scalp (head) so many people will be unaware that they are infected. Sufferers only develop an itchy scalp if they become sensitive to the louse saliva, and this can take up to two months.

If you suspect your child has head lice, please report any incidents to the school. Detection and effective treatment of any head lice outbreaks is key to reducing the problem. Treating head lice is not a problem and there are a number of effective treatments available from the pharmacy. It is recommended that the whole family should be treated when a child in the family has head lice and the treatment may need to be repeated for several days to catch all the nits and lice.

To prevent head lice from spreading, it is recommended that children with long hair have their hair tied back/up for school.

For further advice, consult your pharmacist or doctor. If you have access to the Internet you can obtain more information from www.headliceadvice.net.