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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

A case of headlice has been found in your child's class.

We appreciate that treating repeated cases of headlice can be expensive and uncomfortable for you and your child. When a case has been confirmed, it is very important for you to check your family for lice immediately and treat as appropriate.

Please know that anyone and everyone can get lice. Please do not be embarrassed about this as headlice are a normal part of life and not something to be worried, panicked or ashamed about.

Headlice are a recurring problem among school children. Please check your child's hair weekly for lice or nits and take these precautions:

1. Check your child's hair for eggs (also called nits).
2. If you suspect your child has headlice, ask your health care provider to diagnose the problem and recommend appropriate treatment.
3. Tell us if your child has head lice.

#### **How should you check for head lice?**

You probably will not see the lice, only the eggs. These are tiny, pearl-gray, oval-shaped specks attached to the hair near the scalp. Look carefully, using a magnifying glass and natural light. Search for nits at the back of the neck, behind the ears, and at the top of the head.

#### **How does a person get head lice?**

Anyone who has close contact with an infected person or shares personal items can become infested. Lice are spread only by crawling from person to person directly or onto shared personal items, such as combs, brushes, head coverings, clothing, bedding, or towels.

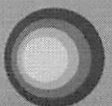
#### **To get rid of head lice:**

1. Use a pharmacy approved product
2. After appropriate treatment, all nits must be removed, and this can be done by wet combing with a nit comb.
3. Check for nits daily for the next 21 days. Most treatments recommend a reapplication.

Thank you for your support.

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