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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Head Lice

Head lice are a widespread and sometimes unpleasant infection, especially among school-age children. A common misconception is that they are a symptom of poor hair hygiene - this is not true. Lice are equally likely to be found on clean or dirty hair!

Contrary to popular belief, head lice cannot jump, hop or fly, but are spread by sustained, direct, head to head contact. Children often get head lice from close contact when playing together, whispering, hugging or when they are in close contact with an infected adult. The truth is that anyone can get head lice - not just children.

As part of our policy on head lice we would like to remind you just how important it is to regularly check your child's hair, advice on how to do this can be obtained from the school office. This will help to prevent outbreaks at school.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that it is school policy for **all** children with long hair to have it tied back. If your child forgets, or loses their hair tie, they can get one from the school office.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes,

Miss Willis  
Headteacher



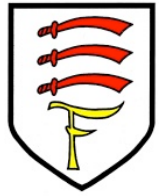
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Your child's class needs your help. Several cases of head lice have been reported in \_\_\_\_\_ class in the last few days.

We would like all parents to check their children for head lice **tonight**. This way we can try to contain the spread of the infection and help our children to feel more comfortable.

If you find your child has head lice, please treat it immediately, advice on how to do this can be obtained from the school office or the local pharmacist.

Please remember that if your child has head lice, it is likely that other members of your family are also infected and so everyone should be checked. Head lice do not just infect young children, so be sure to check all adults and older siblings too.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes,

Miss Willis  
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