



Dear Parents,

Monday 4th February 2019

We have received reports from parents that head lice, are being repeatedly caught by **boys and girls** across school. This is a distressing time for parents, and painful for pupils who are continually being re-infected.

If you know your child has nits please treat them immediately. If nits are seen on your child's head during the school day I will ring you. If it is possible to collect your child then you can begin the process of eradicating the nits immediately.

Our school uniform policy states that "**Hair should be tied back at all times and clips and headbands should be plain**". If your child has hair that is long enough to be tied back please follow this guidance to decrease the risk of lice spreading from head to head. As fancy plaits/buns do not always stay securely in place throughout the day and become a distraction to learning when they fall out please can I ask that plain secure methods are used to tie hair back. Any child coming to school with their hair down will be given a hair bobble to tie their hair back immediately.

The only way we can defeat head lice is if we all work together. With this in mind we are going to hold a **Bug Busting day on Friday 8th February**. I have ordered nit combs and will be distributing one to each family **free of charge** on Friday. We will also have special lessons in school where we will teach the children about how head lice are caught, how we need to treat them and how they need to keep themselves safe from catching them. Please check your child's head and follow the instructions below if you find head lice.

Bug Busting (Head Lice and Nit removal instructions)

Using a chemical solution once is **not a proven 100% way of eradicating head lice**. The chemicals **DO NOT ALWAYS** kill the eggs. Baby lice may hatch over the next 10 days from unsuccessfully treated eggs.

As a school we are recommending the Bug Busting Head Louse Detection System. Remember, **whatever product used, you always have to check for lice on the following**

5th day - Tuesday 12th February

9th day - Saturday 16th February

12th day - Tuesday 19th February

13th day - Wednesday 20th February

to BREAK THE CYCLE. I will put reminders on the school app.



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Remember - a newly-hatched louse can mature enough to leave the head in 6 days; a female may lay new eggs 7 days after hatching herself.

1. Wash with your usual shampoo and rinse.
2. Apply lots of conditioner and do not rinse out.
3. Use a wide tooth comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
4. Leave the conditioner in the hair. When the wide tooth comb moves freely switch to the Bug Busting comb which school provided for each family.
5. With the bevel-edge towards the scalp, slot the teeth into a section of hair right at the roots, touching the scalp gently.
6. Keeping gentle contact with the scalp for as long as possible, draw the Bug Buster comb through to the tips of the hair.
7. Check the comb for lice between each stroke and clear them by wiping on kitchen paper or rinsing.
8. When the whole head has been well combed, rinse off the conditioner.
9. Bug Bust the whole family over a sink or sitting upright. Check yourself last over a sink.

Head lice are a community issue, they are not choosy about whose head they live in - Kelbrook pupil's, older brother's and sister's, mum's, dad's, granddad's, grandma's, auntie's, uncle's - everyone needs to follow the Bug Busting routine and have their hair checked at the same time for us to put a halt to the cycle.

Thank you again for your support in this matter.

If everyone follows this advice we could be a nit free school on Monday 25th February when we return from half term!

If you require any further information please go to http://www.chc.org/homedir/parent_info.cfm

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