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**Dear Parents/Carers** 

## HEAD LICE

From time to time, we remind parents that head lice are almost always present in school and that we all need to be on the lookout for them. Several incidents have been reported among the children in the junior school and we would ask for you to make extra checks of your child's head.

## Detection

Head lice are well camouflaged and hide when disturbed by combing. They do not always cause itching, particularly when recently arrived on the head. They may also be few in number and a quick inspection is unlikely to detect them.

## Treatments

If you find lice, then you can either use a lotion to treat them, or a remedy available in most supermarkets. Whichever option you choose it is important to recognise that neither will protect against re-infection if head to head contact is made with someone with head lice at a later date. You may therefore wish to undertake occasional checks during hair washing sessions.

Please see for more information https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/

If you need any support with this, please contact our Family Support Workers.

Thank you.

Mrs Joanne Hall









