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Dear Parents/carers

Please be advised that a case of headlice has been reported within your child's class.

NHS recommend the following -

Treat headlice as soon as you spot them. You can treat headlice without seeing a GP. Headlice is not a reason to keep children off school and cannot be authorised.

You should check everyone in the household and start treating anyone who has headlice on the same day.

## Wet combing

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing.

You can buy a special a special fine-tooth comb from the chemist or online to remove the lice and nits.

- Wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- Apply lots of conditioner
- Comb the whole head from the roots to the ends
- Wet comb again on days 1, 5, 9 & 13 to catch any newly-hatched eggs

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If wet combing has not worked or is not suitable, you could try a medicated lotion or spray. Theses kill lice in all types of hair and you can buy them online, at the chemists or in supermarkets. Headlice should die within one day. Some lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove the dead lice and eggs.

There is nothing that you can do to prevent the spread of headlice, but it may deter them to have long hair tied back.

Please check your child's hair this evening even if they are not showing signs of an itchy scalp; not all children find them itchy! If nits (eggs) or headlice are detected, please treat your child ASAP. If you need any support, please feel free to contact me or Mrs Ramsay (KS2 SFLO).

Kind regards,

Mrs S. Savory

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