

Policy and Procedure for dealing with head lice

Introduction

At any one time most schools will have a few children with a range of childhood infections such as head lice. As with any infection it is important that head lice are dealt with quickly and effectively to prevent spread.

Responsibility for checking

Sole responsibility for checking for and dealing with head lice is with the parents or carers of each individual child.

Federation action if head lice are detected

If teachers or staff detect head lice on a child parents or carers of the child will be informed on the same day. This may be verbally or in writing. It is expected that remedial action will be taken before the child is next due to return to school.

Dealing with head lice

There are various simple methods for dealing with head lice when detected. The school is not qualified to advise on such methods and would recommend contact with a pharmacist, health visitor, nurse or family doctor.

Recurrence of the problem

If the problem recurs within a short period of time the school will contact the parent or carer and ask them to collect the child from school in order to take remedial action.

If head lice are a persistent problem then the Headteacher will request a meeting with the parents or carers of the child concerned and the Health Visitor so that a solution can be found.

Confidentiality

A head lice infection is treated as confidential and it is not school policy to inform any parent except those of children with an infection. A general request for parents to carry out checks may be placed on the newsletter.

Grewelthorpe & Fountains CE Primary Schools Federation

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