



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

A case of head lice has been confirmed in your son/daughter's year group. Can I suggest that you check your son/daughter's hair for lice at the earliest opportunity?

The advice from the Community Health Service is:

The Headlice problem will only diminish when people start to take the following advice: -

1. Brushing and combing hair at least twice per day. This makes it more difficult for the lice to become established.
2. Parents should always check children, and their own, hair every week by carefully parting the layers of hair away from the scalp (the easiest way is to apply ample quantities of conditioner after washing) and then, using a fine-toothed comb looking for live lice, or their eggs which will be stuck to the hairs. **IMPORTANT:** If eggs are more than quarter of an inch (6mm) up the hair away from the scalp, and are pale coloured, they are probably only nits or empty eggshells.
3. If lice or live eggs are found, they must be treated with the lotion or shampoo recommended by your chemist or prescribed by the family doctor. Treat everyone who has had close contact with the child, i.e. all members of the household. You should also tell friends, colleagues, grandparents etc. too, because they might be unsuspecting.

Yours sincerely,

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