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Dear Parents of Year 1

Re: Head Lice

We are aware that there are an increasing number of children in Year 1 that have head lice.

In order to eradicate the problem it is vital that all parents check their children for nits or lice. If they are evident, please treat your child and ensure that everything possible is being done to prevent an outbreak.

The NHS has the following advice:

- The wet combing method involves removing the head lice by systematically combing the hair using a special fine-toothed comb. You can buy a fine-toothed comb from your local pharmacy, for use with a good conditioner.
- Children should be encouraged to brush or comb their hair several times each day. This will damage any lice present and inhibit the laying of eggs (nits).
- It is helpful if parents examine their children's hair at least weekly. Nits are found firmly glued to the hair shaft, usually very near the scalp. They should not be confused with dandruff, which is freely moving.

If necessary, please consult your local pharmacy for the most effective recommended treatment.

May we also suggest washing your children's coats (with hoods) and hats over the Easter holiday.

We are optimistic that the problem will be eradicated, however should we notice that your child has head lice, we will contact you immediately.

This NHS link may be useful when considering how best to treat your child.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Yours sincerely

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