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## Dear Parents / Carers

There have been some cases of head lice reported in the school. Your child could be one of those affected.

Head lice are only pin head size and are very difficult to see. The eggs however are white and can be more easily seen. They are most found attached to the hairs at the back of the neck and behind the ears.

Please examine your child very carefully and regularly.

Head lice multiply within groups of people who are in close contact. They cause itching of the scalp but are not a serious condition, so do not be alarmed if your child is affected. Treatment is easy and effective.

Available (without prescription) from your pharmacy are products which can kill both the lice and their eggs. KP-24, Lice Blaster, Quellada are just some of the products available. Your chemist would be able to advise you of other preparations.

It is important that after using such a preparation as directed, considerable care and time must then be taken to comb the hair with a fine-tooth comb to remove all the dead eggs and lice.

Clothing, hats, towels, pillow slips, combs and other articles that may be contaminated should be dry cleaned or washed (using the hot cycle of a washing machine) to help prevent the problem recurring.

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