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and Every Gift Unlocked'*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform parents that there have been a few cases of head lice identified in school. While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they can be allowed to spread. As there have been a few cases, we would ask you to check your child's head as soon as possible.

Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

Checklist

- Check your child's hair once a week.
- Use proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.
- Make sure to check especially behind the ears and the nape.

Treatment

- Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment.
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum effect.
- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment.
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process.
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice

It is important to remember that head lice is a very common occurrence and it's nothing to be embarrassed about. Head lice even like clean hair. Regularly checking and treatment immediately is key to be lice-free.

