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Lice Policy

- Under regulation 19A of the Education Act (1960), children found to have head lice will be excluded from school until treatment has begun. The child can return to school after treatment has commenced and the adult nits have been eradicated. The treatment instructions must be followed carefully and a fine-toothed, metal nit comb (available from chemists) should be used.
- The rest of the family and close contacts should also be checked for head lice. Anyone who has eggs or live lice in their hair should be treated at the same time. Other close contacts should be informed so that they can check their hair.
- The child's hair should be checked every day for 21 days, combing or pulling out the eggs as the problem can persist until all eggs are removed. After the treatment, the child's hair should be checked weekly. This is an important preventative measure for all school aged children.
- A Nits Blitz information pack which outlines useful advice on prevention, tips on removal and product information will be made available in the office.
- The school will assist in the detection of lice by facilitating the checking children's hair on a regular basis.