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Dear Parent / Guardian,

I have been made aware recently of ongoing issues within schools in the locality regarding the issue of head lice, as a result of this I thought it may be helpful to provide parents and carers with some brief advice on dealing with the issue.

Head lice is a common infection, at any given time there is likely to be a few children within your child's school who are infected. It does not matter about the condition, length or cleanliness of your child's hair - head lice are not fussy! They cannot fly or jump and are passed via direct contact from person to person. They are not harmful to the individual who is infected.

Regular checking of your child's hair will not in itself prevent infection but will ensure that it can be detected and treated early. It would be helpful if you could make the school aware if your child is found to have contracted head lice, this will be treated in a confidential manner. Appropriate treatment is available, free of charge at your local pharmacy via the minor ailments service. Please be aware that treatment must be repeated approximately one week after the first treatment to ensure that the lice are fully eradicated.

An NHS Grampian leaflet detailing facts about head lice, detection, treatment and bug busting will soon be sent home to you via the school.

If I can provide you with any further help or advice please feel free to contact me on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

Emma Hamilton, School Nurse