



Policy And Procedure Title: Head Lice Policy

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Purpose

Head lice cause frustration for parents, teachers and children. This policy outlines roles, responsibilities and expectations to assist with treating head lice in a consistent, coordinated manner.

Policy statement

Whilst parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, we will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to manage head lice effectively.

SCS expectations are:

- a. The child's hair is checked weekly for head lice. Using the recommended conditioner/fine-toothed combing detection method.
- b. Children do not attend school with untreated head- lice.
- c. Parents/carers will regularly inspect all household members and treat them as necessary.
- d. Parents/carers will notify the school if their child is found to have live lice and advise the school nurse when appropriate treatment is commenced.
- e. Children with long hair will attend school with their hair tied back.
- f. To support parents/carers to achieve a consistent, collaborative approach to head lice management, the school will undertake to:
- g. As requested, distribute up-to-date and accurate information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents and staff.
- h. Only exclude children from school with live lice.
- i. There is no requirement for this school to undertake routine "head lice inspection" programs. However, if a case of suspected head lice is reported to the school clinic, they must, however, collect the child as requested and have the child examined by another medical practitioner.
- j. The child can return to school once a doctor provides a medical note stating that the child is now clear of head lice.

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- k. Should a two cases of head lice or nits be discovered by the school clinic/teachers or reported by a parent /carer, a letter (not identifying the name of the affected pupil) is sent home to pupils in the affected class group.
- l. To prevent the further spread of head lice, the school will phone the parents of a child found to be carrying head lice. The parents will be asked to collect the child from school and to treat him/her immediately. If the child is found to be free of head lice, they can resume their school activities as normal. Should they still carry head lice, they will be asked to return home for further treatment until the problem has been resolved.

Scope

To ensure the effective management of students with head lice at SCS, staff member staff play a vital role in providing a safe and positive learning environment.

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