
Office of the School Nurse

Date:

RE: Pediculosis/Head Lice

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child, _____, has symptoms of Pediculosis/head lice. Even though lice do not jump or fly, they can be spread from one child to another by sharing combs, brushes, clothing, and hats. Head lice can happen to anyone. It is not a sign of poor health habits or being dirty.

To control the spread of head lice, your child may return to school after he/she has been treated with a pediculocide shampoo. This is only the first step. The brushes and combs your child has used with in the last week will need to be soaked in the pediculocide shampoo for 1 hour. Bedding, clothing, and hats must be laundered in very hot water (120°) on the same day or evening that your child is treated. As a precaution, stuffed animals, pillows, or other items that cannot be washed should be placed inside a plastic bag and sealed for one week. Ideally nits should be removed. If not, re-shampooing in 7-10 days is vital to kill newly hatched lice.

Working together we can meet this challenge. I am available to discuss any questions you might have concerning this matter. Please call me at _____.

School Nurse Signature and Title

Please complete the following and bring your child to the school office when s/he returns to school.

Child's Name

Date of first shampooing

Parent's Signature

Name of Treatment/Shampoo