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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

A case of head lice has been reported in your child's class. This is a fairly common problem amongst children and one which can be treated by following the procedure below.

Please check your child's hair and treat if necessary. **Head lice have become resistant to the chemicals used in the past and these chemicals can be harmful to the hair and scalp.**

The best way to treat infested hair is by using a fine tooth comb on wet hair with plenty of conditioner. Combs can be bought at any chemist. This needs to be repeated every two days for a fortnight to ensure that all the eggs (nits) have been removed. Every member of the family should be checked and treated as necessary.

We would also like to remind parents and carers to always read and follow the instructions carefully when using chemical insecticide products, typically sold in chemists, to treat head lice. This is because these treatments contain flammable elements. You should not therefore use hair dryers, or any other ignition source such as matches, lighters and candles near anyone during the treatment process whilst the product is being used.

This advisory note follows a recent incident in West Yorkshire in which a child's hair was accidentally set alight during treatment resulting in the child sustaining serious injuries.

Yours sincerely,

Lloyd Mason-Edwards

Mr Lloyd Mason-Edwards
Headteacher