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Dear Parent/Carer

HEAD LICE ALERT ~ Year 4



It has come to our attention that there are head lice in your child's year group. Please be aware and check your child's and your family's hair thoroughly and regularly and, hopefully, get rid of the little beasts!

We hope the following instructions will be of some use to you.

- While the hair is wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine toothcomb. Using conditioner will make this easier.
- Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with every stroke, and do this over a pale surface, such as a paper towel, piece of paper, or the bath.
- Remember to comb all areas of the scalp, not forgetting the hairline.

If any head lice are found - use the comb on wet hair as above.

- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, therefore hair which is slippery, makes it hard for them to keep a grip so removal with the comb is easier.
- **This routine should be repeated every 3-4 days for THREE weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.**

The only way to eliminate this problem is by **ALL** parents being vigilant and regularly checking their child's hair using the above method.

If the problem persists, or if you need any further help or advice we recommend you contact your School Health Advisor, Tricia Haley, Halesowen Health Centre on (0121) 602 8813.

Yours sincerely

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