



Head Lice



There have been a number of cases of head lice reported in school:
Parents are very concerned that children are being infested regularly.

It is the responsibility of all parents/carers to check their child's hair regularly following the advice overleaf.

It is not, I'm afraid, the responsibility of the school.

Further advice is to comb hair at least 4 times a day, as a preventative measure.

Unless all parents/carers follow this advice the problem of headlice will return.

Treatment

Wet Combing Method:

Head lice may be cleared over a two week period by the following method:

- Wash the hair in the normal way with an ordinary shampoo;
- Using lots of hair conditioner, and while the hair is very wet, comb through the hair from the roots with a fine tooth comb. 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 or the bath;
- Clear the comb of lice between each stroke;
- Wet lice find it difficult to escape, and hair which is slippery from conditioner makes it hard for them to keep a grip - so removal with the comb is easier;

If you find any lice, then repeat this routine every 3-4 days for 2 weeks, so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed before they can spread.