



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Head lice Procedures

We are a caring community which aims to promote respect and understanding of all individuals through a sharing of Catholic Faith and the love of Christ. All children will feel a sense of worth, knowing that they are valued and loved by God in their uniqueness.

We seek to create a learning environment which enables our children to succeed to their best ability and which recognises and values their variety of talents

We acknowledge the importance of our role in support for the family, the parish and the wider community.

Head lice Procedures

1. When a child is found to have head lice he/she is removed from class to entrance area to minimise potential spread to other children.
2. Siblings are collected from other classes.
3. Mr O'Hara/Mrs. Elliott are informed and parents/carers contacted requesting collection of child/children as soon as possible. Parents/carers are told of the reason and asked to treat their children's hair and to be vigilant in checking. Parents/carers are asked to return their child/children to school the next day following treatment.
4. When a number of cases of head lice are reported around the same time a letter is sent to parents either as a whole school communication or to specific classes which are affected.
5. Children with long hair are reminded to keep their hair tied back.

A video about head lice and how to treat them is available on loan from the school.

In all cases of head lice, the child's feelings should be taken into account and potential for embarrassment kept to a minimum in the way the situation is dealt with.

If any teasing results from incidences of head lice the children involved are reminded that head lice – like us! – want to live in the best, most comfortable home and so choose clean hair, particularly lovely, thick warm hair.

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