

Headlice Procedures

1. When a child is found to have headlice he/she is removed from class to entrance area to minimise potential spread to other children.
2. Siblings are collected from other classes.
3. Mrs. Fahy/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 headlice 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 headlice and how to treat them is available on loan from the school.

In all cases of headlice 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 headlice the children involved are reminded that headlice – 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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It is the intention to review this policy annually.