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Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: HEAD LICE

A recent case of head lice has been detected in your child's class.

Head lice are a problem in many communities and do not reflect poor hygiene or social status. However it can be very distressing time for both parents and children alike.

We are asking all parents to do their part in helping prevent the spread of this communicable condition by checking their child(ren) daily for the next few weeks, and on a regular basis thereafter. Lice infestation is much easier to treat if caught early.

If you discover a case of head lice, we would expect parents to treat their child immediately as we believe this to be the best way to eradicate the spread of lice amongst the community. The school will authorise ½ days absence to apply a treatment. Teachers will also notify parents if they notice head lice in a child's hair. We understand there is a stigma around head lice and for some this can be embarrassing but we encourage parents to notify their child's teacher and inform family members and the parents of your child's friends.

Please look at the useful website links which we would like to share with you.

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/video/pages/how-do-i-check-for-headlice-and-treat-headlice.aspx>

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the School Health Nurses Team at Abingdon School Health Nurses Office, Abingdon Hospital, Marcham Road, Abingdon, OX14 1AG, Telephone: 01865 904890.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated not just from myself but I am sure from other parents who would like to see the back of these pesky head lice.

Yours sincerely

Sophie Charter
Headteacher