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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Head Lice

At present we have a problem with head lice in school. Please can we remind you that your child's hair needs checking on a regular basis and to be treated when necessary. Please can children with long hair wear it up.

### The 5-Step Detection Process

1. Wash the hair well and towel dry. It should be damp, but not dripping wet.
2. Comb the hair with an ordinary comb to remove the tangles.
3. Using a plastic detection comb (nit comb), start with the teeth of the comb touching the skin of the scalp at the top of the head. Comb slowly towards the end of the hair, keeping the teeth of the comb in good light. Wiping the comb on a tissue will help to see if any lice have been removed.
4. Repeat this process for 10 – 15 minutes, covering the scalp and hair in all directions.
5. Keep checking the comb. If there are head lice, you will find one or more lice on the teeth of the comb or on the tissue.
6. Please be mindful that even after treatment some eggs may remain and hatch at a later date so it is very important to keep checking.

Parents who would like further advice on checking for head lice can gain information from: -

- The Primary School Nursing Team – based at Great Lever Health Centre on ☎ 01204 462468

If you suspect your child has head lice, please report any incidences to the school. Please check your child's hair on a weekly basis as detection and effective treatment of any head lice outbreak is key to reducing the problem.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Done

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