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Dear Parents/Carers

Head Lice

We have been notified of some isolated cases of head lice in school this week so we wanted to make sure you are aware as a precaution. Given these cases, it is important that children's hair is checked as soon as possible, and then on a weekly basis over the next couple of weeks so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they spread more widely. Whilst children are often in less close proximity to one another at secondary school than they would be in primary, it is still possible that lice can spread.

Please find below some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum:

- check your child's hair once a week;
- use a specialist detection comb (usually white in colour) with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified;
- if you do find any lice, it is essential to keep checking your family member's heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days; and
- should you need to, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family and seek treatment for your family.

Further advice on the identification and treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

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