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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been informed of a problem with head lice in Year 2. Please can you check your child's hair thoroughly as soon as possible? Please remember that head lice are easily missed by the human eye and very careful combing through the hair with a fine-toothed comb is the only way to successfully remove all head lice and their eggs.

You may find the guidance below useful:

1. Check your child's head in a bright or natural light at least once a week during regular hair washing.
2. Part the hair into small sections with a fine-toothed comb and look closely to see if you can see nits or head lice.
3. Using the detection comb, start with the teeth of the comb touching the scalp. Comb slowly towards the end of the hair looking carefully for head lice.
4. Check the entire head. Begin on one side and move across the head, especially behind the ears and back of the neck. If you find a living louse, you will need to treat your child.
5. If you do not find any evidence of living lice, but you find nits, remove them using the fine-toothed comb.
6. **Continue to check your child regularly to ensure that no nits have been missed and have hatched into head lice.** This is a key step after the initial treatment. Please check your children's hair again 2-3 days after treatment. Some lotions require a repeat treatment.

A parents' guide can be found here

[http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/downloads/OAWTAP\\_Parents\\_Guide.pdf](http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/downloads/OAWTAP_Parents_Guide.pdf)

For further advice consult your pharmacist or doctor. If you have access to the Internet, you can obtain more information from [www.headliceadvice.net](http://www.headliceadvice.net).

School will speak with you to inform you if we become aware that your child has head lice. This will provide you with the opportunity to treat them as soon as possible for the comfort and health of your own child whilst helping to prevent the spread in school.

Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

Yours sincerely

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