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Dear Parent/Carer

There has recently been a case of head lice identified at the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

While lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far. As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Follow the simple **CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE** routine below to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your child's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice, they are white in colour so they can be easily identified
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice

TREAT

- Only treat if live lice are identified
- Use a clinically proven treatment, ideally with a physical mode of action to which lice are very unlikely to build a resistance
- Leave the treatment on for the recommended period of time for maximum effect – leaving it on for longer will not make it more effective

COMPLETE

- Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the first to kill any lice that may hatch from eggs during that time
- Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process
- Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

S Bond
Headteacher