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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform parents that there have recently been a couple of cases of head lice identified in school. While head lice are an annoying problem, it is not a danger to your child's health, so there is no need to panic. When a case has been confirmed, it becomes very important for you to check your family for lice immediately and treat as appropriate. Please know that anyone and everyone can get lice. Getting lice has nothing to do with whether you are clean or dirty, rich or poor, it only has to do with the fact that you are human. As there have been a couple of cases, we would ask you to check your son's head as soon as possible. Please follow the simple routine below to ensure that you are doing all you can to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

CHECK

- Your son's hair once a week
- Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately.
- If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

TREAT

- Please treat your child using either wet combing and/or medication and lotions with a clinically proven treatment.
- Once you have checked that the head lice have gone continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice.

Yours faithfully

Matron