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Dear Parent/Carer

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

There has been a reported case of head lice infection at school. It is important that all families connected with the class are made aware of this and the simple steps required to combat the problem.

As with many other social situations where children play closely together, it is possible in the school environment for head lice to transfer from head to head. Remember, head lice actually prefer clean hair, so the possibility of infection is absolutely no reflection on a family's standard of hygiene. Your child has as much chance of becoming infected as any other.

**Fortunately head lice are easy to treat and, these days, easy to protect against.**

**Step 1:** The first thing to do is to check whether lice are present. Don't rely on signs like itching and scratching - infection has to be well advanced for this to occur. The best way to detect lice is with a special comb you can get from the chemist. Run the comb through wet hair and if lice are present one will eventually appear. Lice are greyish brown, six-legged insects about the length of a match head.

**Step 2:** If you find that your child is infected ask your doctor, local pharmacist or school nurse to advise you about the many treatments available which can get rid of head lice.

**Step 3:** Once you have cleared any infection, or if no lice were present in the first place, you should still continue to check regularly throughout the infection.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Watson  
Head Teacher