

Dear Parents and Guardians

Head lice (pediculosis) is a problem that comes and goes in schools and certainly our school is no exception. Some parents might be aware, we have had a couple of cases of lice in our school this year. In order to prevent the spread of head lice in the school, the following administrative procedures outlined below have been in place. These procedures are in line with the area public schools, guidance from our Medical Advisor, The Academy of Pediatrics and the National School Nurse Association.

Since head lice is not always detectable, it is important for you to follow the recommended practice of checking your child for lice on a regular basis. Evidence based guidelines to avoid transmission include:

- Avoid head-to-head contact among students.
- Avoid sharing head related items such as hats, scarves, hair ties, combs, etc

RSD 17 Procedure regarding head lice is:

- If live lice or nits (eggs) appear on a child, the child's parents will be contacted so treatment can occur
- After a child has been properly treated at home, the child may return to school.
- To ensure confidentiality, cases of head lice will not be shared with parents or students.

We are aware that head lice can be an overwhelming inconvenience. We want to provide the information you need to help prevent lice in the future and help keep all our students safe and healthy. Attached are some guidelines and additional information.