

There has been an outbreak of head lice in your class and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child's hair for signs of lice infestation.

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HEAD LICE

A common, parasitic infestation of the scalp hair. Symptoms include scratching and the presence of 'nits' (eggs) and lice in the scalp hair.

Transmission:	Head-to-head contact with infested person.
Incubation period:	7 to 10 days.
Infectious period:	Until lice and eggs (nits) are killed.
Exclusion:	Exclude until the day after treatment has commenced.
Contacts:	Do not exclude.
Treatment:	Children with head lice infestation are required to have their hair cleared of lice before returning to school. This can be achieved by parents using an insecticide product or product purchased from the local chemist and used according to the manufacturer's instruction. However, this must be followed by parents physically removing the lice from the hair after the recommended time period using a special nit comb. Hair will need to be checked by parents on a daily basis for following 10 days to ensure that all lice have been removed from the hair.
Immunisation:	None.