



Head lice school policy

The head Lice or *Pediculus humanus capitis*, is a parasitic insect that can be found on the head, eyebrows, and eyelashes of people. Head lice feed on human blood several times a day and live close to the human scalp. Head lice occur commonly among school-age children. Head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene and anyone can get them. Lice do not transmit infections and do not endanger a person's health.

Head lice move by crawling; they cannot hop or fly. They pass from person to person by direct contact or by sharing clothing with lice on them. Head lice cause itching, commonly at the back of the head and neck or behind the ears.

Many effective creams and shampoos are available over the counter or by prescription from your doctor.

Please find below our head lice policy:

- Any student who has live head lice is not allowed to attend school until they have received treatment.
- Following treatment, a child will be allowed back in school **only** if his/her hair is free of lice. The teacher or his/her designee will double check.

We recommend that you remind your child not to share personal items such as brushes, combs, clothes or hats with other students.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to consult your healthcare provider.