

Head Lice

Head lice are not serious, but can be very annoying. Research has shown that infections of head lice occur just as often in school holidays as during term time. Despite young children being the most affected, it is a community problem not a school problem.

Public Health England have advised the following:

- School Nurses should **not** to send out letters informing parents about any incidents of head lice
- There is no need for a child who has head lice to stay away from school
- Routine screenings / head inspections should **not** be carried out at school.
- Parents should be encouraged to check their children's hair regularly using a nit comb on wet hair.
- Parents should be advised to **only treat if live lice are found.**

Click here for [Further information](#).

If you are at all worried about head lice or feel you need more advice, then you should consult your school nurse, health visitor, pharmacist or family doctor.

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