

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Section

Treat as soon as possible. Care

1.4 Teacher's Role

Watch for signs and symptoms of head lice (e.g. frequent scratching of head).

Have a person check the student if head lice is suspected.

Send home Head Lice Alert Letter to make families aware of the incidence of head lice in the class and need to do head checks.

Actively promote and regularly review preventative practices to avoid spread of head lice.

Speak to class about head lice and ways to prevent their spread.

Continue to give Letter to Parent/Caregiver of Child with Head Lice to parent/caregiver and Head Lice Alert Letter to classmates;

Make sure the child understands how to help, (e.g. sit still, help do the combing, no sharing combs etc.).

Control the classroom environmental control by;

- a) Minimizing activities involving head-to-

3.0 Appendices

[Appendix A](#): Thunder Bay District Health Unit, *“Head Lice Once a Week Take a Peek”*

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Head Lice – Once a Week, Take a Peek

Head lice are tiny grey/brown insects that live by drinking human blood. They are not a health hazard, and a normal part of life. They don't result from a lack of cleanliness. It is important for kids to understand that they haven't done anything wrong and that having lice doesn't make them dirty.

Once a Week, Take a Peek reminds parents about the need to check their children's hair regularly for personal hygiene reasons and then take action should any be found.

CHECK – your child's hair

...y nits again.
...of final treatment and weekly after that.

COMPLETE – a lice check within 2-3 days

Who can get head lice?

Anyone can get

...Sometimes the
...source is another adult in close

...Parents can get head lice from their child's
...source is another adult in close

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Life-cycle of Head Lice

...about 3 weeks.

Adult female lice can lay many eggs over a number of days and weeks. The entire cycle is

long.

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the scalp. Eggs are very small and are often hard to see.

What are the signs of head lice?

Itching and scratching are common signs of head lice. But often there are no symptoms at all. Because

lice are so small,

Take a peek! What do lice and eggs look like?

lice (also

lice) are tiny, flat insects that are 1-2 mm long, greyish-brown in colour, and are hard to see. For

Check for head lice?

...if you have a child

...if you have a child who has been in contact with someone who has head lice

CHECK: How do I

...if you have a child

...if you have a child who has been in contact with someone who has head lice

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TREAT: How do I treat head lice?

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100% no person
can't see it

- remove before class 14
- the child under age 7
- response of infection on the skin of the scalp

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before you use any product
 • has a job at responsible for hygiene than normal as was done

ve all the eggs?

REMOVE: How do I remove

- Every second day gently wash with a gentle shampoo
- Use a fine-toothed comb to comb through the hair to remove the nits and eggs
- Place the nits in a plastic bag or paper

RETREAT: Second treatment

Apply the treatment to the hair again
 7-10 days after the first treatment
 to kill any eggs that have hatched

- Every second day gently wash with a gentle shampoo
- Use a fine-toothed comb to comb through the hair to remove the nits and eggs
- Place the nits in a plastic bag or paper

Why do I need to retreat?
 Some nits may have hatched and laid new eggs
 which will hatch and lay more eggs

How long does it take to get rid of nits?
 It takes about 2 weeks to get rid of nits
 if you retreat after 7-10 days

What should I do if I have nits?
 Wash your hair with a gentle shampoo
 every second day and comb through
 with a fine-toothed comb

Do you need to start checking routinely?

It is important to check for lice regularly, especially if you have a dog or cat that has been in contact with a dog or cat that has been treated for lice.

Why ever have lice?

- Lice are common in kennels and catteries, especially if the animals are not checked regularly.
- They can be spread to your dog or cat if they come into contact with a dog or cat that has been treated for lice.
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Points to remember

- Close contacts who are not checked for lice can spread the infestation.
- Head lice do not live on dogs, cats or other animals.
- Keeping hair short and clean does not prevent head lice. Lice can exist in all hair types regardless of how long or short it is.

On a regular basis, check for lice on your dog or cat.

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SAMPLE LETTER

Notification of Presence of Head Lice (Student-Specific)

Name: _____ Date: _____

To: Parent or Guardian

An inspection of the hair of this student indicates that he / she has head lice and requires treatment.

Recommendation:

1. Select one of the many products used in the treatment of head lice, all of which can be purchased from the drug store. Consult your pharmacist for product information.
2. Read carefully and follow the instructions accompanying the product. **DO NOT TREAT MORE OFTEN THAN RECOMMENDED.**

SAMPLE LETTER

Notification of Presence of Head Lice (Class Notification)

TO: All Parents of Children in _____ Class

At least one student in this class has head lice. Please examine y

SCHOOL ACTION PLAN IN RESPONSE TO HEAD LICE

Goal – To assist parents/caregivers, students, school staff to eliminate head lice and control