



Itchen Abbas Primary School

Growing Hearts and Minds



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Dear Parents

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our children, we would like to bring to your attention an important issue that can affect children in the early years: head lice.

Head lice are a common concern in primary schools, and while they are not a serious health threat, they can be an uncomfortable nuisance. They are easily spread through close contact, especially in children's play and social activities. We would like to encourage all parents to regularly check their child's hair and treat it as necessary to prevent an outbreak within our school community.

Why is regular checking important?

- **Early Detection:** The earlier head lice are detected, the easier they are to treat. Regular checks will help identify any issues before they spread.
- **Prevention:** If treated promptly, it helps avoid outbreaks that can affect other children.
- **Comfort for Your Child:** Head lice can cause itching and discomfort, so identifying and treating them quickly will help your child feel better and avoid unnecessary irritation.

How to check for head lice:

We recommend checking your child's hair at least once a week, especially behind the ears and at the back of the neck, as this is where lice are most often found. If you find any lice or eggs (nits), you can treat them with an over-the-counter lotion or shampoo specifically designed for head lice.

If head lice are found:

Should your child have head lice, we ask that you treat them promptly and inform the school. We will continue to monitor the situation in school and remind children of the importance of not sharing hats, combs, or other personal items.

We understand that head lice can be a frustrating issue to manage, but by working together, we can help ensure that all our children stay healthy and comfortable. If you have any questions or need further advice on head lice treatment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or visit your local pharmacist.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Mr. R Bogan
Head Teacher