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Head Lice

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to bring to your attention the presence of headlice within our Reception setting. Headlice are a common occurrence in schools, and it is important for us to work together to prevent their spread and ensure the well-being of all our pupils.

As you may be aware, headlice are small insects that live on the scalp and feed on blood. They can cause itching and discomfort, and if left untreated, they can quickly spread from one child to another through close head-to-head contact.

To help prevent the spread of headlice, we would like to request your assistance in the following ways:

- Regularly check your child's hair for signs of headlice, such as eggs (nits) or live lice.
- If headlice are found, please treat them promptly using an appropriate treatment recommended by your pharmacist or healthcare provider.
- Encourage your child to avoid sharing hats, brushes, combs, and other personal items with their classmates/siblings.
- Remind your child to keep their hair tied back to minimise the risk of head-to-head contact.

· It is important to note that having headlice is not a sign of poor hygiene, and anyone can get them. However, detecting and treating headlice early can help prevent their spread and minimise disruption to your child's learning.

If you have any concerns or require further information on headlice prevention and treatment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your cooperation in ensuring the well-being of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs R Smith

Assistant Headteacher for EYFS