



Mr D Roberts, Headteacher

ACTION REQUIRED – PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Headlice

We have been informed of a case of headlice in Year 4.

I would be grateful if you could check your child's hair and treat **only if headlice are detected.** Your local pharmacist will be able to advise which lotion is currently recommended.

Head lice are caught from head to head contact and occur commonly in children. They live close to the scalp and are quick moving insects, slightly smaller than a matchhead. They lay eggs which are small, skin coloured and well camouflaged, glued to the hair close to the scalp. After the egg hatches, the empty egg shell, or 'nit' stays glued to the hair and moves away from the scalp as the hair grows. Lice are difficult to see on the hair as they are grey or brown.

“Wet combing” children's hair twice a week, even when you do not suspect the presence of lice is recommended. It is important to check the hair of all other members of the household if lice are found and to let friends and relatives who have close contact with your child know so that they can check too.

Please check your child's hair regularly.

Yours sincerely

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