



Head Lice School Policy

Purpose:

- To provide practical support and advice to families with the detection and treatment of lice and eggs.
- To ensure that student and families privacy is of prime importance.
- That all volunteers are appropriately trained and have the necessary departmental checks.

Aim:

- To reduce the incidence of head lice in our school.

Implementation:

- Volunteers to be selected ensuring all child protection issues are addressed
- Training of volunteers in the checking process and in appropriate ways to ensure student confidentiality, privacy, dignity and respect. Confidentiality statements to be signed.
- Overall duty of care for students – this would remain with the teaching staff, so the system would have to ensure teacher supervision at all times
- Informed consent for parents/guardians and students.

In addition, a school would be advised to:

- A generic consent form for head lice screening which parents/caregivers and students sign at the time of enrolment.
- Respect the wishes of parents/families and children who elect not to participate in school head lice screening
- Give a letter to all children involved in a head lice screening to help maintain confidentiality
- Include teachers and other school staff in screening.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the schools three year cycle review.
This statement was ratified by school council on 19/ 12/ 2011

