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Dear Parents/Guardians

HEAD LICE

We have been informed by a number of parents that head lice is on the march again. We suggest that your children keep their hair tied up to avoid them spreading. It may be necessary for us to call home as children have to be excluded if they have live head lice.

Many lice do not cause an itch, and are found on the hair itself. They have six legs, which end in a claw and rarely fall from the head. Eggs are laid within 1.5cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off. The easiest and most effective way to treat headlice is:

STEP: 1	Comb any type of white hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
STEP: 2	Comb sections of the hair with a fine-tooth head lice comb.
STEP: 3	Wipe the white conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
STEP: 4	Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
STEP: 5	Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least 4 or 5 times.

Thank you.

Ann O'Connor

Assistant Principal - Seabrook Primary School