

Head Lice in the Kinder, Primary and Middle Schools

Monday September 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately head lice has been reported in the Kindergarten, Primary and Middle Schools. We ask that you thoroughly check your child's hair this evening and treat head lice to avoid its spread. Although we have some tips below to help you, please find the attached Head Lice Pamphlet from the Department of Health which may be of use to you.

Some tips to help you:

- Get a treatment from the supermarket or pharmacy, and we recommend that you treat ALL of your children.
- Check your child's hair for eggs and nits, (especially behind the ears).
- Treatments rarely kill every single lice and egg (despite what the packaging says). After treatment, coat your child's dry hair in white conditioner (cheapest variety!) then wear a head torch as you check through the hair, section by section. The conditioner stops the lice from moving around so that you don't miss them; the head torch is a very effective light source.
- Be vigilant in rechecking every few days, and re-treat.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Blessings,

MECS Administration