

Letter of Notification of Suspected Pediculosis (Head Lice)

Date

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Pediculosis (Head Lice) have been found in your child's hair. Head Lice are no reflection on the state of cleanliness; they are a recurring problem which can affect anyone in direct contact. Students are more prone to getting Pediculosis because they are more likely to be in head-to-head contact.

Head Lice are not a medical concern, but they are a significant nuisance for families, and need to be treated to control the spread to others. An approved treatment must be used before your child may return to school; please refer to our Verification of Treatment for Pediculosis form, which outlines the parameters required for appropriate treatment. Confidentiality for your child will be respected.

You are requested to:

- 1) Reference your local Public Health Unit website for information and treatment.
- 2) Consult with a Pharmacist or other appropriate professional about the best product to use to kill the lice.
- 3) Remove all lice and nits (wet-combing with a very fine-toothed comb is effective).
- 4) Complete and sign the attached Verification of Treatment for Pediculosis form and return it to the school office.
- 5) Return with your child to school when treatment has been successfully completed.

We thank you very much for your prompt attention in this matter and for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Principal