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Headteacher Mr A Beaumont

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I have to let you know that there has been an incident of headlice in the class. I have therefore decided to write to everyone with children in the class asking that you do a thorough check of your child's hair to see if we can get it cleared up.

The current recommendation in Kirklees for the treatment of headlice is Hedrin. Hedrin is over 70% effective on first application in comparison to the wet combing method. Hedrin is odourless and is safe to use in asthmatics and patients with scalp complaints.

Detection

Wet hair. Place a white cloth or piece of paper under the bent head. Using a plastic fine toothed headlice comb, comb through the hair from the root to the shaft. Any live lice will fall onto the paper.

Prevention

Check hair regularly using the detection method outlined above. If a child is found to be infested, school should be informed. All other members of the family should be checked and treated if necessary. It is recommended that parents brush their children's hair when they return from school and playing out.

Rowlands and Lloyds pharmacies in Meltham are currently offering FREE headlice treatment for children under 16 years of age on proof of infestation.

Safety advice from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service can be found overleaf. An NHS video with advice on detection, treatment and prevention can be found by entering this link in your web browser: <https://www.nhs.uk/video/Pages/how-do-i-check-for-headlice-and-treat-headlice.aspx>.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Beaumont
Headteacher

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Chemical insecticide products used to treat head lice.

'We would like to remind parents and carers to always read and follow the instructions carefully when using chemical insecticide products, typically sold in chemists, to treat head lice. This is because these treatments contain flammable elements. You should not therefore use hair dryers, or any other ignition source such as matches, lighters and candles near anyone during the treatment process whilst the product is being used. This advisory note follows a recent incident in West Yorkshire in which a child's hair was accidentally set alight during treatment resulting in the child sustaining serious injuries.'

Thank you

Kind regards

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