



Willow Bank Primary School



Our School Values

Respect, Integrity, Kindness, Resilience, Aspiration, Curiosity

Thursday 29th February 2024

RE: Headlice

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has come to our attention that there has been a case of headlice in your child's class.

Headlice are a common problem in school-aged children and, whilst they cannot be prevented, there are steps we can all take to reduce the likelihood of them spreading.

Please ensure your child's hair and scalp is checked **weekly** using the 'wet combing' method. This method involves the following actions:

1. Wash your child's hair and apply conditioner.
2. Comb hair through with a wide toothed comb to remove tangles.
3. Take a section at a time, pull the detection comb through the hair, making sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots and draw down to the ends of the hair with every stroke.
4. Check the comb for lice after each section of hair is combed and wipe with a tissue.
5. Check all family members at the same time and wash all bedding.
6. Repeat the process three days after treatment to ensure that it has been effective.

Children should not be absent from school due to head lice and are expected to attend school whilst being treated. Further information can be found here: [Head lice and nits - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Thank you all for your support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield
Headteacher

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