

### **CONTROL OF HEAD LICE**

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Children identified with head lice infestation (pediculosis) will be sent home with the parent. Children with working parents or those children who cannot be sent home will remain in school with restrictions on activities that require close personal contact.

Parents who visit the school to pick up their children will be given information about the treatment and follow-up of head lice from the school nurse or principal. Those parents unable to pick up their children will be given the same information over the telephone, if possible. The parent will be given a letter of instructions to take home. When this is not possible, the child will be given the information to take home. They will be instructed in:

- A. Treatment methods for head lice and nits; instruction will cover treatment of the child, his/her clothing and other personal articles.
- B. Identification of nits in the child or other family members and contacts and importance of treatment.
- C. Referral to the local health department applying to head lice, (prescriptions, rechecks, etc.).
- D. How to remove nits from the hair shaft, and the importance of this.
- E. Readmission policy:

The child may return to school the morning after treatment. At that time, the child must be free of lice and **BE FREE OF NITS**.

- F. A school nurse or school secretary will be assigned to recheck the child's head the morning he/she returns to school. **If nits are found, the parent will be notified and expected to take the child home immediately.**

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