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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to ask you all to check your child's head for head lice as we are having quite a lot of cases at the present time. As you may know the health visitor no longer visits school to check heads and the responsibility, therefore, lies with the parents. The school nurse does suggest that the best way to deal with the problem is to check the children's heads regularly, at least once or twice a week, using conditioner and a fine tooth comb.

If you find that your child seems to be infected frequently it may be that all the eggs are not being removed when their head is treated. It is also advisable to check and treat the heads of all members of the family to try and stop re-infection. The school nurse is happy to advise parents and her telephone number is available in the nursery and the school office.

We have recently been sent this guidance from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service in relation to using products 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 for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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