

School letter head

Dear Parents/Guardian/Carer

I am writing to advise that students in your child's class may have nits/head lice.

Head lice are tiny insects that vary in colour from cream to brown/black. 'Nits' is the common name for the small eggs that are laid by the head lice. They are the size of a grain of salt, yellow-white in colour, and are found glued to the hair near the scalp. They are usually found behind the ears, the back of the neck and fringe.

To assist us in the prevention of head lice spreading please ensure you check your child/ren's hair. If head lice or nits are found please treat immediately. Refer to the Department of Health's online resources for all head lice management and prevention strategies.

Your local pharmacy will also be able to offer some treatment options. Nits (live eggs) hatch in 7-10 days. The key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you use after one week.

In the case that head lice or nits are detected on inspection it is required that you begin treatment prior to your child returning to school. Please return the attached slip with your child to the class teacher to notify the school of the treatment you have started.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please contact the front office.

Regards

Principal

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Child's class:.....

My child .....has been checked for head lice or nits on (date)..... and treated if necessary with

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.....(product).

Signed:.....

Date:.....

(Parent/Guardian)