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Important Note: The school has adopted Distance Learning Programme (DLP) and Blended Learning Programme (BLP) for the Academic Year 2021-22. This policy is designed for a regular school set-up and will also be integrated during the DLP/BLP.

POLICY ON HEAD LICE

Purpose

To plan, implement and evaluate every student to develop or enhance healthy lifestyle/practices for promotion and maintenance of good health.

Target

School doctor, nurse, students and parents.

When a student is found to have live lice:

The parent is notified and information related to detection and elimination of head lice can be provided at that time or sent notification to the parents.

1. The parent is instructed that the student should be treated before returning to school.
2. In some cases (based on the School Nurse's professional judgment), it may be appropriate to have the student's head checked upon return to school.
3. If **lice** and/or **nits** are found, the parent is notified to keep nit-picking and combing (at least daily per day for the next two weeks).
4. Follow up head checks may be done by school staff to confirm lice management efforts.
 - ✓ Record these head checks.
 - ✓ If live lice/nits are found the process of notification to parents/guardians begins again.

When to check beyond the identified student with live lice or nits:

If **live lice** or **nits** are detected in a student it is best practice to:

1. Determine if the student has siblings. If yes, then check the siblings. If the student has other siblings (not in the immediate school building), notify the parent/guardian of the advisability of checking family members and taking precautionary measures to avoid family infestation.
2. If a student is found to have head lice, they are to be documented on the confidential lice log and parent notification is to occur as previously stated.
3. Encourage students to avoid sharing hats, combs, coats, pillows, or other personal items.

Notification Procedures

The notification for the presence of head lice is to be done on a student by case to case basis to the parent/guardian of an infested student.

Documentation

All students identified with head lice will have their names and the dates the lice/nits were found, recorded in a confidential lice log maintained in the clinic.

Forms attached:

- Head lice notification form

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