

Thursday 19th November 2015

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians

Please be advised that an incidence of head lice has been detected at the Academy.

As you will know, head lice in a school can be a recurring problem. Therefore, it is crucial that everyone is vigilant to keep on top of the problem.

It is important that you please:-

1. Look at your child's hair this evening.
2. Treat if necessary straight away.
3. If using chemical solution, before treating wash off all conditioner and chlorine from the hair.
4. It is VITAL that you treat the whole family to prevent re-infection.
5. Check your family's hair on a daily basis.

Facts about Head lice

Head lice are spread by climbing from head to head. They cannot fly, jump or swim. Head lice lay their eggs on the hairs near the roots. Old eggs are found on the hairs further along as the hair grows, and the empty egg cases are called nits. It does not make any difference whether hair is long or short, clean or dirty.

If EVERYONE tries to be vigilant, the chances of re-infestation will be greatly reduced.

For information about treatment please visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Thank you for your support.

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