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Our vision:

Arrossan Area School will provide a challenging learning environment in which all students' talents can be fostered. Students will strive to be productive learners who are well equipped to meet future challenges in the local and global community.

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AIMS OF THE POLICY

Head lice are an unfortunate part of childhood and very few of us ever escape getting them, however, we can all do our part to prevent the spread. This policy aims to:

- ◆ Prevent the spread and re-infection of head lice throughout the school.
- ◆ Provide parents/caregivers with useful information about head lice treatment and prevention.



CHECKING FOR HEAD LICE

All parents/caregivers are asked to sign a consent form allowing school staff to check a student's hair in situations where there are numerous suspected or actual cases of head lice. This will be completed upon enrolment and will remain valid for the full period that a student is at AAS, unless advised otherwise. If a parent does not consent to this search, the family will be contacted if their student is suspected of having head lice &/or brown eggs. The family are expected to check their student and treat as necessary. The provision of a medical certificate stating that the student has no head lice/brown eggs may be required for students with ongoing infestations.

WHEN HEAD LICE &/OR BROWN EGGS ARE SUSPECTED

1. If lice &/or brown eggs are suspected or detected, families will be contacted and given the option of collecting their student or leaving the student at school. An information brochure is given to families which outlines appropriate treatment.
2. Families of a student who has head lice or brown eggs are expected to check siblings and treat accordingly.
3. Families in the infected child's class/building are informed about the outbreak via a note that is sent home. *(No student's name is mentioned)*.
4. Treatment of head lice and the removal of brown eggs to be conducted at home.
5. Student returns to school the next day, provided treatment has been completed at home.
6. If there is still evidence of head lice or brown eggs, the families of the student will be contacted.
7. Families of students with ongoing infestations may be asked to provide a medical certificate stating that the student has no head lice/brown eggs upon their return to school.
8. Ongoing infestation is defined as infected more than twice in a 10 week period.

RE-INFECTION

If a student has been infected more than twice in a 10 week period, they will require a doctor's certificate clearing them of any head lice or brown eggs before they can return to the classroom. Parents/caregivers will deliver doctor's certificate to front office staff.

PARENT'S/CAREGIVER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Inform the school if their child has head lice.
- ◆ Treat their child if they are infected with head lice and ensure all brown eggs are removed.
- ◆ Ensure that their child **does not return to school** with head lice or brown eggs.
- ◆ Check other family members and take action as suggested in the literature provided.
- ◆ Re-treat their child 7-10 days after initial treatment.
- ◆ Provide a doctor's certificate, if requested, clearing their child of head lice and brown eggs in cases of ongoing infestation.

SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ If it is suspected that there is an infestation, ensure that class activities do not involve head to head contact between students in the class.
- ◆ Inform parents/caregivers of their child's infection.
- ◆ Inform all families in the infected student's class of the outbreak.
- ◆ Provide relevant educational material to members of the school community.
- ◆ Conduct a parent support program as required.