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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I have to let you know that there have been cases of head lice in your child's class. I have therefore decided to write to all families in the class to ask that you do a thorough check of your child's hair, to see if we can get it cleared up.

The current NHS recommended guidance for treatment is wet combing – please check out the [NHS website for further information](#).

There are also many products on the market to treat head lice such as Full Marks and Hedrin amongst others.

### **Detection**

Wet hair. Place a white cloth or piece of white paper under the bent head. Using a plastic fine toothed head lice comb, comb through the hair starting from the roots. Any live lice will fall onto the paper.

### **Prevention**

Please check hair regularly using the detection method outlined above. Long hair must be tied back at **all times** at school, this greatly reduces your child's chances of catching head lice in the first place.

If a child is found to have head lice school should be informed. All other members of the family should be checked and treated if necessary. It is recommended that parents brush their children's hair when they return from school and playing out.

**Important safety advice from West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service can be found overleaf which must be adhered to if using chemical treatments.**

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibbins  
Headteacher

**Chemical insecticide products used 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

Kind regards

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