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Head lice information for PTA's

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The aim of **The Facts of Lice** project is to make sure that parents and teachers work together to deal with the issue of head lice in a supportive, non-judgemental way. We want to give parents the information they need, and pass it on in a matter of fact way that also highlights the importance of regular checking for head lice. The following points could be used in a PTA newsletter or website to help get the message across.

- All our staff have been trained to explain to worried children (and their concerned parents) that head lice are easily dealt with and not a reason to be embarrassed or stay away from school.
- The school is trying to work with parents and children to create a policy of openness about head lice. At this school, head lice are just an inconvenience and nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about at all.
- The school is providing lessons for children and information leaflets for parents as part of the campaign.
- The best way to fight head lice is through regular checking, and the school wants to encourage all parents to take part in a regular detection routine using a grey detector comb.
- We want parents and children to feel comfortable speaking to the school – and each other – about head lice. We encourage parents to check their children's hair regularly and if they find any head lice please discuss it with a teacher and also other parents.
- It's the parent's responsibility to check their children for head lice, and to treat if they discover them. It's also very important that parents reinforce the anti-bullying message. Head lice are not a reason to be bullied, or to make fun of any other children.
- We will make sure that parents know about www.headlice.co.uk as a source of help and information about head lice for themselves and their children.
- We will tell parents what their children are learning about in the classrooms and discuss what the children have been telling us when they've been taking part in activities or completing their checklists.
- The school will create a comfortable atmosphere for parents to share tips with one another – we want to help de-stigmatise head lice.
- More information on dealing with head lice can be found on www.headlice.co.uk



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