



# CITY OF PETERBOROUGH ACADEMY SPECIAL SCHOOL

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To all Parents/Carers of Badgers and Hedgehogs Pupils

Dear Parent/Carer

## Head lice

Occurrences of head lice have been discovered in your child's class. In the best interests of all pupils, we recommend that you thoroughly screen your child for head lice tonight.

Pre schools and schools are the ideal environment for head lice to exist. It is a constant supply of heads in close proximity that makes the perfect environment. Head lice cannot fly, jump or swim but spread by climbing from one head to another. Anyone with hair can catch them and head lice are not fussy about hair length or whether the hair is clean or dirty. Head lice need to remain on the head in order to survive. Once off the head they die.

### **The best way to avoid head lice is:**

Check your children's hair regularly, once a week, during hair washing. Comb each section of wet hair and check the comb after each stroke. You could apply a detangler or hair conditioner for this part. If your child has long hair tie it back in either a pony tail or plaits. Apply hairspray to plaits to keep them in and to make it harder for the head lice to get a hold on the hair. Only use lotions if head lice have been found, they usually like to start around the baseline of the hair and behind the ears. Use a detangler on their hair, some have tea tree oil and lavender in, which can help to deter head lice.

If you do find head lice you need to treat the whole family and let the school know so they can inform other parents to check their children's hair. No names will be given.

If you need any additional information, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

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