

ST GEORGE'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As the children are back together in the classroom and in the playground, it is time to start checking your child for head lice on a regular basis.

Within most schools at any one time, there will be a small number of children infected with head lice. Infection levels remain fairly constant, but if you could inspect your child's/children's hair at least once a week throughout the school year, we would be very grateful.

The 5-Step Detection process:

1. Wash the hair well and towel dry. It should be damp, but not dripping wet.
2. Comb the hair with a ordinary comb to remove the tangles.
3. Using a plastic detection comb (nit comb) start with the teeth of the comb touching the skin of the scalp at the top of the head. Comb slowly towards the end of the hair keeping the teeth of the comb in contact with the scalp for as long as possible. Look carefully at the teeth of the comb in good light. Wiping the comb on a tissue will help to see if any lice have been removed.
4. Repeat the process for 10-15 minutes, covering the scalp and hair in all directions.
5. Keep checking the comb. If there are head lice, you will find one or more lice on the teeth of the comb or on the tissue.

Parents who would like further advice on checking for head lice can gain information from www.headliceadvice.net or ask us for guidance.

Yours sincerely

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