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Dear Parent/Guardian

Prevention and Control of Head Lice

Head lice are a persistent nuisance in schools and the Local Authority understands how exasperating the problem can be.

There is a leaflet explaining how to check your child's hair and the importance of doing this every week on our website (www.felpham.com/letters.html). It explains the options available for treatment. If you find your child does have head lice, please inform the school office and anyone who may have had head-to-head contact with your child.

Head lice are not a health hazard because they do not carry serious diseases. The School Nursing Service does not carry out routine checks for head lice because this practice is ineffective. Neither is it the LA's policy that pupils with head lice are sent home from school.

To help prevent the spread of head lice:

- comb your child's hair regularly with a nit or bug-busting comb;
- inspect the hair of all your children in the family once a week;
- help break the stigma of head lice by informing anyone who may have had head-to-head contact with your child.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely



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