

Integrated Day Charter School
Governing Board



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STUDENTS

HEALTH – PEDICULOSIS (Head Lice)

. Students will be excluded from school until they have shown proof of use of a lice shampoo product. An instructional sheet and an educational pamphlet will be sent home with each student who is excluded because of Pediculosis. A sample of each follows.

In addition, informational pamphlets will be sent home periodically, to encourage parental awareness of the problem.

INTEGRATED DAY CHARTER SCHOOL

Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARENTS

Dear Parent:

I have found that your child _____ has head lice. Lice infestation could come from almost anywhere—a classmate, another child's clothing, hats, or combs and brushes. Lice outbreaks are common among schoolchildren and even the cleanest child can easily become infested. It's important that you INSPECT all family members for at least two (2) weeks. That procedure will help reduce the spread to other family members.

Head lice should be suspected when there is intense itching and scratching of the scalp and back of the neck. If you look closely at the scalp you will see small, whitish eggs firmly attached to the hair shaft, especially at the nape of the neck and above the ears. Although these eggs may look like dandruff, dandruff can easily be removed by pulling. A fine-toothed comb is needed to remove the louse egg and to break the chain of transmission.

Sterilize ALL personal clothing (including underwear and pajamas) and bedding (sheets, blankets, pillowcases) of your child and other infested members in HOT water (at least 130 degrees F) or by dry cleaning.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at this phone number 860-892-1900 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

AFTER USING A SHAMPOO FOR THE TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO COMB OUT OR REMOVE LICE EGGS (NITS).

STUDENTS CANNOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL LICE SHAMPOO HAS BEEN USED. PROOF OF LICE SHAMPOO PRODUCT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE SCHOOL NURSE UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

School Nurse

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LICE TREATMENT CHECKLIST

- _____ Check ALL members of family for lice or nits
- _____ Wash hair with shampoo (do not use any conditioner)
- _____ Apply lice treatment, following instructions precisely
- _____ REMOVE ALL NITS.
- _____ Delouse combs, brushes, head bands, hats, etc.
- _____ Launder sheets, pillow cases, clothing, etc.
- _____ HOT dry or dry clean blankets, bedspreads, etc.
- _____ Vacuum carpets and furniture. Dispose of cleaner bag outside
- _____ Wipe clean car upholstery
- _____ Inform parents of friends in contact with your child
- _____ Retreat in 7 days
- _____ Inspect hair every three days during lice season or lice alerts