


REPTON SCHOOL | ABU DHABI



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HEAD LICE POLICY

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1. PURPOSE


Head lice causes frustration for parents, teachers and children. This policy outlines roles, responsibilities and expectations to assist with treating head lice in a consistent coordinated manner.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Whilst parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice we will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist to manage head lice effectively.

It is the expectation of this school that:

- 2.1. Child's hair is checked weekly for head lice. Using the recommended conditioner/fine toothed combing detection method.
- 2.2. Children do not attend school with untreated head lice.
- 2.3. Parents/carers will regularly inspect all household members and treat as necessary.
- 2.4. Parents/carers will notify the school if their child is found to have live lice and advice the school nurse when appropriate treatment was commenced.
- 2.5. Children with long hair will attend school with hair tied back.
- 2.6. Parents/carers will notify their child's friends so they have an early opportunity to detect and treat if necessary.
- 2.7. To support parents/carers to achieve a consistent, collaborative approach to head lice management the school will undertake to:
 - 2.7.1. Distribute up to date and accurate information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice to parents and staffs as requested.
 - 2.7.2. Include information and updates in school newsletters.

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2.7.3. No child will be sent home in case of live nits or head lice detected. Instead, the nurse will call the parents to inform them.

2.7.4. Review the head lice policy manual.

2.7.5. There is no requirement for this school to undertake routine “head lice inspection” programs. However, if a case of suspected head lice is reported to the school nurse a head inspection may be carried out, by the school nurse.

2.7.6. Parents will sign a consent form at commencement of the school allowing the school nurse to undertake a head inspection.

2.7.7. Should a case of head lice or nits be discovered by the school nurse or reported by a parent /carer a letter (not identifying name of the affected pupil) is sent home to all pupils in the affected year group.

3. SCOPE

To ensure effective management of children & adults with head lice at Repton School Abu Dhabi all members of staff play a vital role in providing a safe and positive learning environment.

4. TARGET AUDIENCE

The school nurse, teachers, teaching assistants, pupils and volunteers.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of the school nurse, teachers, teaching assistants, pupils and volunteers to observe precautions on transmission of head lice and to report any case. The school nurse must inform parents on the day itself if a child has been positively identified as having live nits or lice.

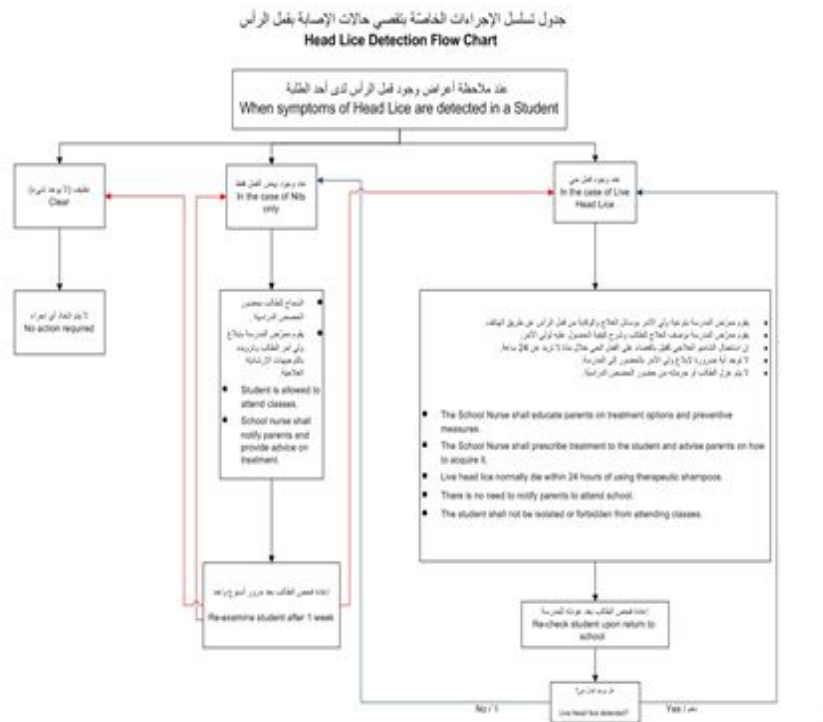
6. CROSS REFERENCES

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<http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/prevent.html>

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7. APPENDICES



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