



SCHOOL POLICY 1.25

Head Lice

Date: May 2025

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Halfway Bush School recognises that head lice are very common, but they also recognise that lice should be treated quickly to prevent them from spreading. The aim of this procedure is to ensure a consistent, coordinated and cooperative approach to head lice management for the school community.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The parent's responsibility is:

- To learn about head lice infestation signs below and management.
 - To treat their child's hair immediately if the child has head lice.
 - To inform the school (and other contacts) if their child has a head lice infestation and to confirm that treatment has commenced.
 - To check their child's hair for head lice infestation regularly.
 - To understand and to follow the school's head lice procedures.
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If a child presents with the following signs:

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft

- Small pale brown lice
 - The child's hair should be checked further for head lice.
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The school's responsibility:

- When a child is found to have head lice:
 - The school will contact parents to notify them and request they treat the student/s before returning to school.
 - The school will send home a newsletter containing the following information if headlice have been detected in a classroom.
 - The student can return to school once hair is treated even if it's the same day.
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Review

This procedure will be reviewed every two years, or sooner if required due to changes in legislation or identified school needs.

Approved by Board of Trustees:

Next Review Date: May 2027

Principal's Signature: _____



12 May, 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This letter is to inform you that a case of head lice has been reported. Please check your child/s hair daily for the next couple of weeks and on a regular basis thereafter. Head lice are much easier to treat if caught early.

The following are signs of head lice:

- Persistent scratching, particularly behind the ears and the nape of the neck accompanied by a red rash
- Tiny silver white eggs at the base of the hair shaft
- Small pale brown lice.

Head lice can be treated effectively by following these steps

- purchase a specialist head lice treatment & follow the directions as per the pack
- examine all family members hair and treat everyone found to have head lice at the same time
- use a head lice comb to remove the dead lice and eggs
- every night, between treatments, put conditioner in your child's head, don't rinse it out and comb with a head lice comb.
- repeat the treatment in 7-10 days if lice are still present.

Any items which may harbour lice such as bed linen, towels and combs should be washed in hot soapy water.

Once the treatment starts the child is able to return to school.

Working together as a school community will help to control and stop the spread of head lice for all students who attend our school.

Please contact me if you have any further queries regarding this matter.

Kind regards,
Brian Filipo
Principal