



Headlice Policy

Aims:

- Headlice are a common problem in schools. In the event of a case, Patrician Primary School will endeavour to work with all affected families with the utmost sensitivity.
- An infestation can spread quickly amongst the school community. It is important for the school and the parents/guardians to deal with a case of headlice as quickly and as thoroughly as possible.

Step 1

- When headlice are noticed in the school, all families are notified.
- This notification does not name the children with headlice.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to check and treat their children's hair if necessary.
- Individual children will never be identified to families other than their own.
- The individual family will be informed that headlice have been found in their child's hair and advised to treat immediately. This will be done with the utmost sensitivity.

Step 2

- A more detailed note with details on how to identify and treat headlice will be sent to relevant classes
- If the problem persists, parents/guardians of affected children will be contacted to ask for an update with their progress with dealing with the issue.
- Parents/guardians of affected children will be asked to sign a note to say that their child(ren) has been treated or are undergoing treatment.

Step 3

- If the problem persists after step 2, the school will get in touch with the local health nurse. The local health nurse will be asked to call the family concerned. The family will be made aware of the possibility of this happening during step 2.

It is the policy of the school to deal with headlice in a proactive way and on an ongoing basis. Both the school and parents must be vigilant in dealing with this issue in order to maintain the health and safety of all members of the school community.

Communication:

This policy was shared with representatives of the Parents Association and the staff before being ratified by the Board of Management.

Ratification and Review:

This policy was originally ratified in **January 2023**. All staff members and other relevant parties including the Parent Association were consulted before ratification. This policy will be shared with staff on an annual basis before swimming sessions begin. As with all school policies, it will be re-examined on a regular basis as part of our five-year policy review schedule.

Signed:


chairperson of Board of Management

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principal

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