



# École Neil Campbell School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been made aware of one or more cases of lice in the school. Please remember that lice occur in all schools and can happen to anyone. We are asking that you remind your daughters and sons to not share hairbrushes, hats, toques, or hoodies, and to try their best to avoid head-to-head contact with other students.

We will include a notice in our weekly e-memo once we have been made aware of a case in our school, and we will keep this letter of information up on our website for you to reference. Please be aware that we cannot give out individual or classroom information; if you are notified of a case of head lice in our school, assume that you must look for or possibly treat lice with your child(ren).

Below is some helpful information about lice, how it spreads, and what to do if your child(ren) has lice:

## **What are lice, how does it spread?**

Head lice are small insects that live on human heads. Head lice are spread by head-to-head contact with another individual who has head lice or by sharing items like hats and brushes with someone who has head lice. Head lice crawl; they cannot jump or fly. Head lice do not carry disease and are not a health hazard. They are very common and are not a reflection of poor hygiene.

## **What do you do if your child has lice?**

Students who have head lice do not need to be sent home. It is important to avoid sharing hats or toques and no head-to-head contact with others. A student with an active infestation probably has had head lice for a while.

This link from the Manitoba Government ([Head Lice](#)) contains lots of useful information for you. Families can receive lice treatment kits free of charge from their local Public Health Office if needed.

Sincerely,

Andrew Hirst, Principal  
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