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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a reported case of head lice amongst the children in school. The discovery of one case usually indicates that there may be others because head lice do not live on only one head.

There is no need to panic! It is an extremely common problem, which is unrelated to poor hygiene. In fact, the lice prefer to live in clean, healthy hair.

**What you need to do:**

1. Comb your child's hair thoroughly twice a day, particularly before bedtime. This injures any lice and they consequently die.
2. Inspect your child's head regularly, at least once a week. Look for the white eggs because they are easier to find.

**If you find your child has lice:**

1. Rub hair conditioner into the dry hair and then comb through with a special lice comb. These can be purchased from the chemist. Then wash the conditioner out of the hair.
2. It is also vital that you tell us, so we can keep everyone on the alert. This is the only way we can eradicate the lice from our community.

If you need any further advice, please contact the school nurse via the school.

Yours sincerely,

Year 6 Team