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Dear Parents,

There have been cases of head lice detected across all year levels in the Elementary School.

Please check your child's head using the recommended conditioner/combing method. If this is found to be positive, and head lice are present, each family member will need to be checked and those that are found to have head lice or eggs must be treated.

Check that the treatment has killed all head lice and importantly that all "nits" (eggs of the louse) are removed. To obtain "nit" free hair the conditioner/combing method will need to be implemented **daily** during the following seven days until re-treatment is undertaken. Eggs need to be removed manually as lice combs do not do this effectively. It is very important to know recognise that **head lice treatments do not kill the eggs/nits**.

Further Information on the treatment and prevention of head lice can be found at-  
[www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/headlice) and [www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice).

**What should I do if my child has head lice?**

You must inform your child's teacher and the School Nurse if you find your child to have Head Lice. This sharing of information will help us to reduce the incidence of re-occurring cases of Head Lice within your child's class and year level.

To reduce cases and prevent re-infestation, students who are found to be positive need to be excluded from school until the treatment has been effective and there are no live head lice present. Each child must be screened by the School Nurses prior to their returning to class.

A follow-up head check by the School nurse will be conducted one week following initial treatment on any student who was positive for head lice.

Preventative measures include:

- Tying hair back
- Using gel to control loose hairs
- Using a stay in conditioner on a regular basis
- Conducting weekly head checks at home using the recommended conditioner/combing detection method.

Please do not hesitate to contact the School Nurse on [nurse@ais.com.sg](mailto:nurse@ais.com.sg) or phone (65) 6319 3795 with any questions.

Kind regards,

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