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Dear Parents and Carers

**PLEASE CHECK ALL FAMILY MEMBERS FOR HEADLICE  
AND TREAT AS NECESSARY**

**Please can I ask you to keep regular checks on your child's hair and take appropriate action when necessary.**

**Your co-operation is of the utmost importance if we are to eradicate this problem.  
Thank you**

*Please could children with long hair have it tied up to minimise the problem.*

Head lice are spread by contact from head to head and live happily on clean hair and dirty hair. When a head louse lands on a human head it takes about 5 - 6 days before it starts to produce eggs.

Bath Clinical Area suggests two possible methods of treatment:

1      **"Bug Busting"**. This is a non-chemical approach.

- Each affected family member washes their hair.
- A large amount of conditioner is worked through the hair and combed through with a fine toothed (nit) comb.
- Each person's hair is rinsed thoroughly.
- **This process to be repeated every 3 days for 2 weeks.**

"Bug Busting" is used both as a **treatment** and then at a frequency of about once every 5 days as a **prevention**.

2      **Chemical treatment.** Products containing Malathion can be used. These include:

- **Suleo M**
- **Derbac M**
- **Prioderm**

Only Derbac M should be used in children under 3 and people with asthma and eczema. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions. These products must be left on the scalp for 12 hours. Comb through the hair with a nit comb after treatment, and check again a week later.

Yours sincerely

The Admin Team