

Pediculosis (Head Lice) Management	
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Associated Policies & Procedures: II-42 Medical Health Conditions	

Purpose

To provide a standard procedure for the management of Pediculosis (head lice) in all schools.

Application and Scope

This procedure applies to all pupils within the Halton Catholic District School Board.

References

[Head Lice - Information for Parents](#)

[School Health Head Lice Information](#)

Principles

- Head lice is seen by the medical community as a nuisance and not considered a medical disease.
- Information regarding the spread and treatment of head lice can be found on The Regional Municipality of Halton website.
- Both the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board subscribe to a "No Nit Protocol".

Requirements

To increase public awareness, head lice management procedures must be included periodically as an item of information in each school's communication with parents as it is detected, each suspected case of head lice must be referred to the Board approved screening agency. The agency will verify the condition.

Role of the Board approved Screening Agency:

1. Examine students from the class of the affected student(s).
2. Examine the affected student(s)' sibling(s).
3. Examine students from the class of the affected sibling(s).
4. Notify the Principal/designate regarding which pupils have head lice.

Role of the Principal/Designate

1. Inform individual parents of the confirmed cases of head lice
2. Inform parents of the occurrence of head lice in a class

Re-entry Process:

1. The parent(s) of an infected child must contact the Board approved screening agency at which point the agency will direct that parent to the nearest school wherein the child will be re-checked thus assuring that there is clearance of head lice. Clearance for return to school will only be given if all nits have been removed (*No Nit Protocol*).
2. If the child receives clearance from either the Board Approved screening agency, or a medical practitioner, and is "live lice, egg and nit free", a written statement from either must be provided to the home school which states that the child may return to school.
3. If there are still live lice, eggs, or nits, the screening agency will not provide clearance for the pupil to return to school but will provide assistance and suggestions for eliminating the remaining live lice or eggs. A re-check will be required.
4. If parents have questions or concerns, they are directed to contact their School or consult Halton Regional Public Health website at: www.halton.ca (search: Head Lice).

APPROVED: Regular Meeting of the Administrative Council

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