

HEADLICE CONTROL POLICY

PURPOSE

To minimise the number of cases of Head lice infection in students at Devon Meadows Primary School.

GUIDELINES

DEECD and Department of Human Services Guidelines for the treatment of and control of head lice (Pediculosos) are to be followed as set out below

- Parents to be made aware of their responsibility to check children regularly
- Principal to alert all parents / guardians when an outbreak occurs, particularly those parents of other students in the same classes
- Up to date information about head lice and their treatment to be provided to the school community
- Parents will be informed that infected students must be excluded until appropriate treatment has commenced.

As well as following DEECD and department of Human Services guidelines, the school may endeavour to minimise infections with the following initiatives, when it is deemed necessary.

This is dependent upon having enough volunteers.

- A group of parent volunteers to be trained to carry out regular checks of the student population
- Parent permission to be obtained prior to any check of students by parent volunteers
- Children found to be infected to be provided with up to date treatment advice
- Afternoon checks – children to be excluded if live lice are found for the remainder of the day
- Parents will be notified as to whether or not head lice were found.
- Follow up checks to be carried out on children who have been infected on return to school
- All parent volunteers to sign a confidentiality statement prior to checking any children

EVALUATION

All policies will be reviewed as part of the school's cyclic review process. This policy will be reviewed in May 2014.



COUNCIL APPROVED: _____

DATE: _____