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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child, \_\_\_\_\_, has been found to have signs of head lice and is being excluded from school until treatment has been done. **One day**, is the allowed time frame for the student to be out for head lice treatment.

**What you need to know as a parent about head lice.**

Head lice are not a sign of bad hygiene or an unclean environment! Head lice affect all economic groups and children of all ages.

Head lice are not a reason for a child to be out for school for a long time. The American Academy of Pediatrics and the California School Nurse Association has done a large amount of research, and found that keeping kids out of school for head lice does not reduce the amount of cases of head lice in schools. **Our current policy is that if a child is found to have live lice in their hair, they are sent home for treatment. They are allowed to return the next day. If a child has a large amount of nits (lice eggs), they will be sent home as well. The idea is that if there are a large amount of nits, live lice were missed on the head check. A child with a small amount of nits will be allowed to stay in school.**

**Please prevent the spread of a lice infestation by following the procedures below:**

- **Check everyone's hair in your household**
- **Wash hair with a special lice shampoo; this can be prescription or over-the-counter**
- **Treat all infested members of the household following the directions on the special shampoo**
- **Use the fine-toothed nit comb to remove nits and lice and prevent re-infestations**
- **Repeat treatment as directed, by the shampoo or physician's instructions to kill undetected hatched nits**
- **Vacuum all upholstered furniture, mattresses and carpets. Don't forget the car upholstery and car seats**
- **Wash bedding in hot water the same day hair is treated. Place items which cannot be laundered in a sealed plastic bag for two weeks**

Children who are excluded will be readmitted only after treatment and after all live lice are removed. **Your child must come to the health office for readmission. If live lice or a large amount of nits are detected, they will be sent home.**

Sincerely,

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District School Nurse