



Ascot Vale Primary School

No: 2608

HEADLICE ALERT

Dear Parents/Guardians/Carers,

It has come to my attention that some students in **your child's class/unit** have recently been treated for head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at school. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years.

What can you do?

I seek your assistance and request that you check your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

How do I treat my child for head lice?

More details about treating, controlling and the management of head lice can be obtained at: <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/infectious-diseases/head-lice/resources>

If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform:

- the school and advise when the treatment was started
- parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary

When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

Ascot Vale PS is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Kind regards

Michael Downing

Assistant Principal