

PEDICULOSIS

Pediculosis (head lice infestation) is a benign medical condition. Parents are the first line of defense in checking their children's hair for evidence of lice and/or nits (eggs) and if either is present treating them immediately using an appropriate product. The parent should then contact the school nurse.

The school nurse will screen any child who is suspected of having lice. If lice and/or nits are present, the nurse will then screen any siblings in that school and the classes involved. Children who are found in the nurse's medical judgment to have live lice or large numbers of nits are to be sent home with instructions as to the best way to treat this problem. Parents/guardians of all children in the affected class(es) will be notified in writing.

In order for the child to be readmitted to school after treatment, the child must be accompanied by an adult for reexamination by the nurse. Should the nurse judge that the treatment was not adequate or effective, the family will be informed that further treatment is necessary and the child will be checked again before admission is granted.

Great Neck Public Schools

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