



Lice Sample Letter

Administrative Procedure 1.B.130C

1.0 School Administration
1.B. Students

SCHOOL LETTERHEAD

(Date)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

There has been a case of head lice in our school: specifically, in your child's classroom. In order to stop further spread, we ask your assistance and cooperation in carefully checking your child's hair for lice or nits (eggs) every day for the next several weeks. Additional indications of the presence of head lice include itchiness and reddened areas of the scalp.

If you find lice or nits, treatment will be required before your child returns to school. The most important step in the control of head lice is treating the hair with a pediculicide (lice killing) shampoo (that can be purchased at any pharmacy). Nits (eggs) will need to be combed or picked out of hair immediately after shampoo by using an extremely fine toothed comb (provided with the shampoo).

You will need to re-treat the hair seven days after the first treatment to ensure that all nits are killed. If live lice are found 24 to 48 hours after the first treatment, a different product should be used and follow up will still be required after seven days.

Wash items that have come into contact with the infested person's scalp such as combs, brushes, headgear, pillow cases, shirts or tops with collars, and towels in extremely hot water. The hot cycle of the clothes dryer will also kill any live lice and nits. Items which cannot be laundered should be dry cleaned or placed in a plastic bag, sealed, and left for 10 days. You can also wrap articles in a plastic bag and throw them in the freezer for 48 hours. Additional measures are not necessary as neither lice nor nits remain infectious off the body for very long.

Students can return to school after the treatment has been administered. Your child's hair may be checked to verify if additional treatment is necessary.

If you have any questions about head lice, please contact the Public Health Nurse or Health Links/Info at 1 888 315 9257. Additional information "The Facts of Lice" is available at the school and on the Interlake Regional Health Authority website.

Sincerely,

Principal