



## INDIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

There has been an increase in the number of lice cases here at the School. We ask that you please examine your child's hair and scalp for evidence of live lice, lice eggs, or nits (egg casings left behind after lice have hatched). If lice or eggs are present, they will be found close to the scalp. Children with head lice should be treated as soon as possible to minimize the spread to other individuals. It is recommended that children are treated on day one, day two and again on days seven and ten to ensure that there is no further outbreak.

### **Indian Community School Policy States:**

Head lice is a common health problem that is easily spread from one child to another. Containing infestations depends upon prompt case finding, proper administrative handling of each case and effective treatment. Specific guidelines have been developed for the treatment of head lice and/ or nits (eggs). These guidelines include parent/ guardian notification, instruction, and responsibilities, as well as school wide procedures.

It is the responsibility of the parent/ guardian/ legal custodian to inspect their child/ren's head(s) through the school year for the presence of head lice and/ or nits, especially prior to the start of the school year and after school breaks. It is also the responsibility of the parent/ guardian/ legal custodian to administer the treatment for head lice and to removal all nits/ eggs from the student's hair. ICS and Student Health Services are not responsible for the treatment of head lice or for the removal of nits/eggs. The School Nurse and other trained staff may conduct school-wide head lice and nit checks after summer and winter breaks. Students suspected of having head lice may be checked by the school nurse or designee as necessary. All head checks will be routinely performed at the end of the school day.

### **Head Lice Procedures:**

If your child has Head Lice:

- Your child will be excluded from attending School if found to have live head lice.
- Parents/guardian/legal custodian must accompany their student to the nurse's room for a head check when they return to school. No live lice must be found and nits must be decreased in number
- School bus service will be canceled for students with live lice until the student arrives at school with Parents/guardian/legal custodian for a recheck. Bus services will be resumed if no live lice are present and nits have been reduced in numbers.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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