

# ST. AIDAN'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

Clonroche, Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford

## Head lice Policy

Headlice spread very easily and can cause a lot of trouble and upset for children and families. It is vital that children are treated correctly as outlined in information sheets and on 'over the counter' treatments.

### School Policy:

Head lice infection is a community problem not a school one. However, the school will support families in their efforts to eradicate the problem.

The following measures will be taken, if deemed necessary:

- If the parent informs the school that their child has head lice, a note will be sent to all families of children in that class. Please inform the school immediately you become aware of a problem.
- If a child is in school with head lice, the school reserves the right to ask that the child be treated as 'sick' and kept at home until correctly treated.
- If a child returns to school and is still infected, it may be necessary to send that child home or separate the child from the other children in the class to prevent further spread of head lice. Every effort will be made to ensure this is done in such a way as not to attract unfair attention to the child in question.
- If an ongoing problem occurs, the school may contact the local Health Nurse to offer advice to families on how best to treat the problem.
- Once a term or more frequently if necessary, the school will announce a special 'Head Treatment Week-End' and request that all parents check/treat their children that week-end.

Having read the policy, please sign the slip below and return it to the school.

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I understand the policy on 'Head lice' and I agree to abide by the procedures suggested in it.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's/Children's Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_