

GREAT CHART PRIMARY SCHOOL
Headlice Policy- Updated Jan 2013

Headlice can be a real problem but schools are not responsible for resolving headlice problems.

At Great Chart Primary School emphasis is placed primarily on health education and promoting general prevention detection.

We inform parents as soon as there is a confirmed infection via a letter and information booklet. We ask parents to check their child's hair for any signs of an infection and to sign a form to send back to school.

If headlice are spotted at school, parents/ carers are informed. The parents/ carers are asked if they:

- wish to come and collect their child from school to take home and treat, before returning them back to school for lessons to continue
- wish their child to stay at school and then treat them later at home
- could check other members of the family and treat if they are infected

There is no period of exclusion for a child with headlice. Most children will have been infected for up to four months prior to detection.

Treatment

Treatment should only be carried out if live lice are seen. The eggs and empty cases (nits) will remain stuck to the hair even if all the lice are killed. We advise parents to ask their GP or pharmacist which treatment to use.

Prevention

We encourage parents to check their child's hair on a regular basis.

In extreme circumstances we will contact the School Nurses for advice on 01233 649000