

# Yox Valley Partnership



Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are trying to reduce the number of outbreaks of head lice that we have in schools. To assist us in the prevention of head lice spreading please ensure you check your child/children's hair. If head lice or nits are found please treat immediately. Refer to the Department of Health's online resources for all head lice management and prevention strategies via [www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits).

Head lice are tiny insects that vary in colour from cream to brown/black. Nits is the common name for the small eggs that are laid by the head lice. They are the size of a grain of salt, yellow/white in colour, and are found glued to the hair near the scalp. They are usually found behind the ears, the back of the neck and fringe.

Your local pharmacy will also be able to offer some treatment options. Live eggs hatch in 7-10 days therefore the key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you use after one week.

In the case that head lice or nits are detected on inspection it is required that you begin treatment prior to your child returning to school.

If you have any concerns or require further information please speak to your child's Class Teacher.

Yours sincerely

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