



To Parent/Guardian of: _____

During a routine check today, live lice and/or eggs (nits) were found in your child's hair. The treatment protocol is listed below. After your child has been treated, it is necessary to bring him/her to the nurse's office before readmission to school. Together, we will check for any remaining lice. At the nurse's discretion, your child will then be sent to class. However, if evidence of live lice or extensive nits is found, your child will be excluded from school until he/she has been treated. **Children absent longer than 48 hours will be considered truant, and parents may be subject to legal proceedings.**

Treating your child for head lice is a very time consuming, and often frustrating process. I appreciate the work and time parents give to help our school be as free from lice as is possible.

TREATMENT:

1. Treat hair with medicated lice shampoo followed by alternative treatments. For more information, see BISD's Head Lice Handbook, http://www.birdville.k12.tx.us/instruction/ss_web/special_services/images/health/BISD%20Head%20Lice%20Policy.pdf
2. Remove lice and nits by hand or by use of fine-toothed nit comb (metal is preferred because the plastic ones break easily).
3. Wash clothes, towels, and bed linens in hot water and detergent; dry them for at least 20 minutes. Items not washable (stuffed animals, pillows, etc.) should be sealed in a plastic bag for 10 days. Vacuum rugs and upholstery and discard vacuum bag.
4. If one member of your family has head lice, you need to check all other members of the household for evidence of head lice.
5. After treatment, your child must be accompanied by an adult to be checked by the nurse **before** returning to the classroom.
6. All initially infested persons should be retreated in 7-10 days.

The school will attempt to carry out measures to control lice infestations. We appreciate the vital home cooperation so essential to eradication of this problem. Be prepared to combat this problem several times. Reinfestations can occur very easily. Thank you again for your efforts.

If you have any questions please call your school nurse.

School Nurse