

Head Lice Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Roberts McCubbin Primary School via email roberts.mccubbin.ps@education.vic.gov.au or phone 9890 2372.

PURPOSE

Head Lice continue to cause concern and frustration for some parents, teachers and children. Whilst parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, our school community will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively.

OBJECTIVE

Roberts McCubbin Primary School policy is intended to outline roles, responsibilities and expectations of the school community, to assist with treating and controlling head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff, contractors and volunteers, Parents/carers

POLICY

- Parents will be provided with up to date and accurate information on the detection, treatment and control of head lice
- Children will not attend school with untreated head lice (in accordance with Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 2001)
- Families should notify the school if their child is found to have live lice and advise when appropriate treatment was commenced (in accordance with Health Infectious Disease Regulations 2001)
- Children with long hair should attend school with hair tied back
- Only safe and recommended practices for the treatment of head lice will be recommended by the school

- When a child is found to have head lice their parents are contacted so that the child can be taken home immediately for treatment. The child can return to school after the first treatment has been completed
- A notice will go home to the parents or carers within that child's class notifying them that a case of nits or live lice has been detected within the class
- Confidentiality and a sympathetic attitude will be maintained when dealing with members of the school and broader community around issues of head lice

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Current information and publications relating to the treatment of head lice.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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