ST. MARY'S *Catholic High School, Dubai*

HEAD LICE POLICY

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Purpose:

Head lice causes frustration for parents, teachers and children. Head lice can be a nuisance but they have not been shown to spread disease.



This policy outlines roles, responsibilities and expectations to assist with treating head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner.

Scope:

This policy applies to all students at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai and aims to ensure the effective management of head lice within the school community.

Parents' Responsibility:

Parents hold the sole responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice in students.

i. Parents must check the child's hair regularly, especially if he/she starts scratching behind the ears or back of the head.

ii. Children should not attend school with untreated head lice.

iii. Parents should regularly inspect all household members and treat as necessary.

iv. Parents should notify the school if their child is found to have live head lice and inform the school nurse when appropriate treatment has begun.

v. Children with long hair must attend school with their hair neatly tied back.



Responsibility of the School:

The school will collaborate with parents to manage head lice effectively and minimize distruption to learning..

i. School will not conduct any head lice screening program routinely. However, if a suspected case is reported, the nurse will perform a head inspection and inform the parents accordingly.

ii. When a head lice or nits are discovered by school nurse, notification will be sent to the parents.

iii. Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home immediately. They may remain in the school until end of the day, but should avoid close direct head contact with others.

iv. In accordance with the DHA, exclusion from school list, students diagonised with head lice will be excluded from school until treatment has begun. The treatment should be repated as per product instructions.

v. The school nurse will perform follow up head examination to ensure effective treatment has been completed.

Reference:

https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/schools.html



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