

Rationale:

Romsey Primary School acknowledges that head lice infestations can be a common feature of school life. While parents/guardians have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice the school aims to minimise the incidence and impact of head lice infestation.

Goals:

- To minimize the incidence of head lice infestations through regular checks and dissemination of information to parents, teachers and the school community.
- To monitor, and respond to infestations of head lice in the school.
- To actively encourage every parent to complete and return the Head Lice Inspection Consent form for each child.
- To educate the school community and reduce the stigma associated with head lice.

Guidelines:

- Information will be distributed via the newsletter or through direct correspondence with individual parents as required.
- Head lice permission forms are part of all enrolment packages.
- The detection and management of head lice in the school will be carried out as required by appropriate school personnel and with discretion.
- Nominated trained persons will coordinate head lice inspections.
- The detection of live head lice is cause for exclusion from school until the live insects have been removed.
- Once detected, parents/guardians are required to refrain from sending their children to school with untreated head lice. Students may be treated and returned to school. Parents must be aware that one treatment is not sufficient to manage the problem.
- A commitment to provide parents/guardians with comprehensive advice.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review.

Date Ratified by School Council: March 2015

Review Date: 2018