

HEAD LICE GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

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Head Lice (pediculosis) is a communicable disease that any human person can get. It is continually in the world.

The school has guidelines that are followed based on information from the Ohio Department of Health and the American Academy of Pediatrics. These guidelines are followed in all the Kenston Schools. If your child contracts head lice you will be given a copy of these forms.

What you can do as a parent if your child does not have an active case of head lice:

- Educate yourself on head lice. The information you receive from school and the internet are great sources of information. The internet has pictures to help you see what you are looking for and facts about head lice spread and prevention. Some good sites to visit include the Ohio Department of Health, the CDC, and WebMD.
- Be proactive and contact your child's physician and find out her/his recommendations for treatment of your child. Have a plan in place if your child does contract head lice.
- Most importantly, check your child weekly or more often year round for head lice.
- Be alert to how head lice are spread:
Teach your child not to share hair accessories, combs/brushes, or hats etc.
Be vigilant after times of contact including parties, sleepovers, camps etc.
- If head lice are identified make sure your child/family's head is/are inspected and treated. Continue with follow-up to eradicate the lice and nits so a re-infestation does not occur. Remember to treat your home environment also.
- When head lice are detected notify the school. Also notify any families and friends of your child who may have been exposed.

The Kenston Nurses