

Head Lice

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A pupil in your child's classroom was found to have head lice. While there is no cause for alarm, please check/watch your child for signs and symptoms. The following information about head lice should help you.

What To Look For

Head lice are a year-round problem. The head louse is a small insect that can live in the head hair of humans. It cannot live on pets. The insect moves quickly and is hard to find, but it lays eggs (called nits), which are easier to find and identify. The female louse glues 3 to 4 eggs/nits a day to the hair shaft. Eggs lie close to the scalp, usually behind the ears, and along the back of the neck. The egg is