



- x Abide by the recommendations of the School Exclusion Policy of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001, in that the responsibility to exclude a child from the school rests with the principal or person in charge
- x Only exclude children from school who are found with live head lice
- x [Note: While head lice are not considered an agent for infectious disease, they are included on the school exclusion table.]
- x At the conclusion of the school day, provide children with a note to take home to inform their parents or carers that they have head lice. Children may return to school after treatment has commenced.
- x Accept the advice of parents that appropriate treatment has commenced
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- x Notify the parent and care of their children friend when their child is found with head lice, so those families have an early opportunity to detect head lice and, if necessary, treat their children
- x Maintain a sympathetic attitude and avoid stigmatising and blaming families who are experiencing difficulty with control measures
- x Act responsibly and respectfully when dealing with members of the school and broader community, particularly around issues of head lice
- x Parents can seek extra support if required from <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice>

This policy will be reviewed annually by the School Strategic Planning and Review Committee and Ratified by School Council in 2019

This policy draws on information obtained from Head Lice: Scratching for Answers?1 - the Victorian government head lice website containing management guidelines and The Department's *School Policy and Advisory Guide* - Head Lice page. 2019
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/Pages/headlice.aspx>

