

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On the back of this letter, is information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding head lice. This handout is to provide you with education on how to prevent and control head lice. While the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), now recommends that children with active head lice and nits not be excluded from school, the City of Cape Coral Charter Schools' policy remains a "no-nit" policy. This means the following:

- If your child is found to have head lice, you will be contacted and expected to pick them up from school within the hour.
- The student will not be allowed to return to school until all nits are removed from his or her hair.
- The student must be brought to the clinic by a parent/legal guardian on the first morning of return. The student will be evaluated by clinic personnel to verify that no nits remain. If nits are found, the student will be returned home immediately until the next day. This process will continue until no nits are found.

When a student is known to have head lice, each student in that classroom is checked for head lice. If the student has a sibling, that sibling's class will also be checked.

At no time will a student's confidentiality be broken and the class informed of which child has head lice. Due to this, we no longer send letters home to parents. This generally leads to parents finding out from their student which child has been absent. Therefore, deducting which student has head lice. It is also embarrassing to the child and family involved to know letters have been sent home. It is much more compassionate for us all to be diligent in our efforts to control head lice.

Please be aware that further information can be found at www.cdc.com. However, you can always contact the clinic with any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,
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