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GISB LICE MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The GISB School lice management guidelines reflect standard practice as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Academy of Pediatrics, the National Association of School Nurses, the American School Health Association, the Harvard School of Public Health, and many other policy making organizations. They all recommend that students with eggs and/or head lice **REMAIN IN SCHOOL**.

Why would these medical organizations recommend keeping a child with lice in school?

Lice are very common. They always exist on people and in schools. **NO** school is ever lice free, just like no school is free of colds. Head lice do not cause disease and are not dangerous to a child. A child with head lice is not considered sick, nor is head lice considered a public health issue.

By the time lice are discovered, the child has usually had them for at least three to four weeks. This means the child has been attending school the entire time.

Multiple studies over the past ten years have repeatedly proven that school **RARELY** is the place of transmission. The major mode of transmission is through direct head-to-head contact at sleepovers, close-playing environments and relatives.

Head lice live only on people and do not infest pets, homes or schools. They are seen more often in young children who play very closely together.

What will GISB do if a case of lice is found?

The family will be notified by the nurse. Parents are encouraged to check all family members and let the parents of playmates know. On returning to school the next morning, the student must check in with the nurse. A lice email will be sent to the class to inform classmate's parents so that they can check their children.

If you find that your child has lice, please inform the school nurse.

The best way of staying on top is for parents to do regular checks throughout the year.

Thank you for your cooperation.

