



# Halton District School Board

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

At this time of year head lice often becomes a problem in some schools. In many cases, it seems that even after treatment with a pediculicide chemical shampoo, students are returning to school with live lice or eggs still in their hair.

In order to decrease the ongoing re-infection of other students in the school, parents of students sent home with an active case of head lice (pediculosis) will be asked to have their child rechecked by a We Care Home Health Services' nurse. We Care can be reached at (905) 507-2273 or toll free at 1-866-877-8688 and the receptionist will direct you to the nearest school where you may take your child for a re-check. If you are unable to attend that site, you may call back to the Wee Care office in the afternoon to see if there is a second location.

**Please DO NOT call the schools.** They do not have the We Care schedule. On inspection by the nurse, if their head is clear of lice and nits, you will be given a written form signed by the nurse which identifies that your child may return to school.

If, when you see the We Care nurse, there are still live lice or eggs (nits), he/she can provide you with assistance and suggestions for getting rid of the remainder of the lice (and nits). When you are sure the lice are clear call We Care again for a re-check. **You must have the written slip from the We Care nurse for your child to return to class.**

Your school Principal or We Care nurse can provide you with an information package on different suggestions for helping to get rid of the lice. Almost all the literature we have found to date is very clear that the one sure way to remove the eggs and lice is to comb them out of the child's hair. If you have further questions or concerns please speak with your Principal, We Care or myself at 335-3663 Extension 3208.

Sincerely,

*Jacki Oxley*

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School & Community Liaison