

## **TREATMENT OF HEAD LICE**

The School District respects the practices recommended by the Island Health, which is based on the current research indicating that head lice are not a health hazard.

It is the School District's view that, while treatment is the responsibility of the parent or guardian, schools, in the interests of promoting healthy, safe and caring school environments, bear some responsibility to be proactive in the elimination of head lice in schools.

1. In the School District's schools, it will be the responsibility of the school to:
  - a. make information from the Island Health available to parents about head lice management;
  - b. inform parents or guardians of students who appear to be infected, that the student should be checked by their parent for the presence of head lice. Schools may contact Public Health nurses for information, consultation and support;
  - c. provide parents of an infected child with a package containing instructions and an appropriate comb.
2. If the infected child returns to school untreated, the school will contact the parent to advise that they are required to administer the recommended treatment or take the child to a health clinic for treatment.