

Brock Corydon School

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Dear Families,

We have just been informed that there is a case of head lice at the school. Please read the attached information on head lice and a head lice control checklist. This is excellent information and if followed diligently, families at Brock Corydon School will be able to assist in controlling the spread of head lice.

In brief, the key elements towards successfully controlling the spread of head lice are as follows:

- 1. Identification and Prevention:** Regular daily brushing of children's hair and regular inspections of children's scalps are the best preventative measures. It is imperative that all parents, when they are notified of a case of head lice at the school, check their children for head lice daily over a period of a few weeks. This daily process, when done correctly, should take between 5-10 minutes. It is suggested that a systematic approach be used, separating the hair in sections going clockwise around the head.
- 2. Communication:** Immediately contact the school, child caregivers and any other persons who may have been exposed when head lice is found. Parents should take the necessary steps at home to assist in controlling the their spread.
- 3. Treatment:** Parents are strongly encouraged to follow the directions on the head lice control check list. Division policy states that students who require treatment will be sent home at the end of the school day, a phone call to their parents is made and a follow-up letter is sent home with information about treatment, nit removal and household cleaning procedures. Students may return to school immediately after the first treatment. They do not have to be "nit free" in order to return to school, however removal of nits is necessary to control the spread. We recommend that children's long hair be pulled back into a ponytail or braided.

Head lice can best be controlled through the co-operation of parents, teachers and public health personnel. If you have any concerns or questions, or have difficulty getting rid of head lice, contact the school. You may also want to contact Health Links-Info Sante, Winnipeg at 788-8200 or toll-free at 1-888-315-9257 or access the website at www.gov.mb.ca/health.

Sincerely,

Ira Udow, Principal