



Barrie School Head Lice Policy

Pediculosis (head lice) is considered a nuisance disease that can spread rapidly from student to student. The following steps will be followed in all cases of pediculosis.

- The school nurse or delegate will inspect the head(s) of any student(s) who is suspected of having head lice
- If a student is found to have head lice, their parent/guardian will be asked to come to school to take the student home
- Instructions will be given both verbally and written to the parent/guardian regarding the treatment of head lice and the removal of nits
- A student may return to school after he/she has been treated and found to be lice and nit free
- A "No Nit" policy is in effect at Barrie School. This means that once a student is sent home from school due to lice, that student may not return until he/she has been treated and all nits (lice eggs) are removed from the hair
- In order to return to school, the student and their parent/guardian must come to the Health Office before proceeding to class for an inspection of the student's head. If lice or nits are found, the student will not be permitted to return to class and will be sent home from school. This process will remain in place until the student is found to be lice and nit free
- The school nurse will inspect siblings of any student found to have lice. If a sibling is found to have lice, they too will be sent home from school and the above process will be followed
- The school nurse or delegate will inspect all students in the same class as the student found to have lice. If a student is found to have lice, the above process will be followed
- Once a student is nit free, their head will be re-inspected in one week by the school nurse or delegate to be sure a re-infestation has not occurred
- If additional cases develop in a classroom, the school will provide large plastic bags for the storage of personal items such as hats, coats, mittens, etc. until the lice problem has been resolved
- Parents are expected to continue to check their child's head on a regular basis, and treat accordingly