

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL



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Dear Parents:

**Re: Head Lice on a student has been reported to the school**

Please check your child's hair today and on a weekly basis. Head lice may be uncomfortable and inconvenient but do not carry disease, and it does not mean that your child is unclean. Head lice outbreaks are common throughout all communities. If your child does show signs of lice, we recommend at least 2 treatments and a full head check prior to returning to school. Thank you for your corporation.

- Lice have evolved and have developed resistance to the insecticides in the common lice shampoos available on the market, so the shampoos might appear to work but the lice often return as they are not all killed. Also, these insecticides may have neurotoxic effects on children.
- Ask your Pharmacist which are the best current products on the market which do not contain insecticides. These products act to suffocate or dehydrate the lice and eggs. Lice cannot develop resistance to these products.
- The products need to be used according to the product instructions. Typically, you need to apply the product, then check hair every other day or so and remove dead lice and eggs with a lice comb. Then apply a second treatment 8 to 10 days later.
- Some extended health care plans might cover the cost for lice treatment.
- You need to wash all linens/stuffed toys etc. that the child may have come in contact within hot water and dry in a hot dryer. Lice can survive on surfaces for several days.
- Please tie back long hair on girls and remind children not to share hats, jackets, sweaters, etc.
- If you have questions or require further assistance you can contact [marijanad@hotmail.com](mailto:marijanad@hotmail.com) or visit <https://www.cps.ca/en/documents/position/head-lice>, LiceSquad.com or lice911.com.

**We ask that you please do not use Tea Tree Oil in your child's hair as we do have allergies in our school.**

Thank you,  
OLS Staff