

## **SMALLWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

We need to make you aware that we have had a reported case of head lice in School today.

Unfortunately a lot of children are at this moment in time infected therefore we would like to take a whole school action which involves the whole school community checking their hair, therefore please, please can you check that your child (whether they are a girl or boy, have long or short, thick or thin hair) has not been infected and if they have, take appropriate action.

The only way we can solve this is if the whole school takes action at the same time.

- One infected child can infect an entire class, so treat your child as soon as you discover head lice.
- Tell the school and other parents.
- Check your child's hair regularly, and always check if there's an outbreak at the school.
- If your child has head lice, check the whole family (including dad) and treat them if necessary.
- Older people, such as grandparents, may have head lice without knowing it and could pass them on to children.
- Brush and comb your child's hair often. This may stop head lice taking hold.

Thank you

**More Information can be found on:**

**[Http://www.nhs.uk/Planners/birthtofive/Pages/Headlice.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Planners/birthtofive/Pages/Headlice.aspx)**