

ST ANDREW'S NS, LUCAN

Head lice Policy

Headlice spread very easily and can cause a lot of trouble and upset for children and families. It is vital that children are treated correctly as outlined in information sheets and on 'over the counter' treatments.

In St Andrew's school **all children (boys & girls)** with long hair (with hair that's long enough to be tied up) must have their hair tied up securely and clipped during school time. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure this is done as requested. School staff may assist pupils up to Third class with tying up of hair if it comes loose or as required.

School Policy:

Head lice infection is a community problem not a school one. However, the school will support families in their efforts to eradicate the problem. We request that hair is checked on a regular basis (preferably once a week) and not just when notice given of outbreak.

We request that **ALL** parents check/treat their children's hair on the last week-end of every month.

The following measures will be taken, if deemed necessary:

STEP:

1. Parent must inform the school office by email and in writing to the class teacher that their child has head lice. A note will be sent to all families of children in that class. In this note, parents are requested to check their children's hair, treat if necessary and return the signed form to the class teacher. Please inform the school immediately you become aware of a problem.
2. If a child returns to school and is still infected, it may be necessary to arrange a meeting with the child's parents/guardians and class teacher.
3. If an ongoing problem occurs, the school may contact the local Health Nurse to offer advice to families on how best to treat the problem.

Information to help with outbreaks of Headlice is available on our school website, www.standrewsntlucan.ie

Date: _____

Signature, Chairman Board of Management

Principal