



St. Gregory the Great Academy

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Management of Pediculosis (Head Lice) Policy

St. Gregory the Great Academy bases our practice on the recommendations of various institutions such as Center for Disease Control and the National Association of School Nurses. **Additionally, we consistently refer to the policies and practices of public school districts in New Jersey as a way to stay current on statewide practices.**

St. Gregory the Great Academy informs parents if a case of head lice has been discovered in school. This notification is sent to the parents of children in the same grade level as the infected student via School Messenger with the intent of increasing parental vigilance and, ultimately, prevention of additional outbreaks. The identification of the infected child is kept confidential.

If a child is found to have lice he/she will be excluded from school. While we do not conduct mass screening for nits, if a child is determined to have lice he/she will be excluded from school and checked by a nurse upon his/her return. **If upon his/her return, a child continues to show evidence of infestation, including nits, he/she will be excluded until the signs dissipate.**

We do not conduct mass screening because they have been found to create a false sense of security among families. When a parent receives a lice notification letter, he/she should regularly monitor his/her child for signs of infestation.



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