

## Saint Leo the Great Catholic School – Lice Policy

It is prudent for children to be taught to avoid head to head contact during play and not to share personal items such as combs, brushes and hats to prevent the spread of lice. Parents can be encouraged to check their children's heads for lice regularly and if the child is symptomatic. It is best to act as if lice are present at all times.

If your child has lice, report this to the school nurse by email -Suzanne Powell <nurse@stleoschool.org> or phone 394-1742 ext. 234. Confidentiality will be maintained and the nurse would be happy to help you with any instruction, community resources, or information on products needed to treat lice.

At any time during the school year, the school nurse may examine a student for head lice. If lice are found, the following procedures shall be implemented:

1. The parent/guardian will be notified and asked to pick up the student and provide an initial treatment and nit combing. The student will be allowed in class but instructed to avoid head to head contact until ride arrives.
2. The school nurse will provide information to the parent/guardian regarding treatment and community resources.
3. The student's siblings and students with belongings in contact with the student's will also be examined at the discretion of the nurse.
4. The parents of students in the class will be notified of need to maintain prudent lice prevention techniques via e-mail.
5. Students will be encouraged to keep hats/gloves/scarves stored in sleeves of coats while hanging on hooks.
6. The student may return to school after first treatment and nit combing

### Readmission

1. School personnel will check student upon return to school. The parent/guardian is to wait in the office in case student may need to return home for ineffective treatment.
2. If no live lice are found, the student is admitted to class. The student will be rechecked in 7-10 days and as often as deemed necessary by the nurse.
3. If no live lice are found but nits are present. The student is admitted to class. The nurse will instruct the parent/guardian on method and need for further nit combing and will recheck daily until nits are removed.
4. If live lice are found the student will be excluded and the nurse will provide further instruction on need for further treatment, or need to refer to pediatrician. The nurse will assess compliance and provide contacts for community resources as deemed necessary.

\*If financial hardship prevents any family from securing professional lice removing companies, they should contact the principal.

