



Background

Calgary Girls Charter School recognizes the concern represented by the transmission of pediculosis (head lice) in School and therefore encourages close communication between school staff, parents and public health nurses regarding the detection and resolution of instances of pediculosis. Head lice spread quickly and easily. Care will be taken to protect the privacy of students or staff who have head lice. Head lice present a nuisance rather than a health concern.

Procedures

1. School staff shall work cooperatively with public health authorities and School Council where appropriate to describe and then communicate to parents both preventative and remedial procedures for dealing with instances of pediculosis.
2. From time to time the principal will remind parents **through the website** of the importance of checking children's hair for lice. Parents support the school by reminding their children not to share hats, combs and other personal items that could spread head lice.
3. When the school discovers that a student has head lice, parents will be notified and asked to provide an effective course of treatment as soon as possible.
4. If there are ongoing concerns about particular cases not responding or being compliant with therapy, then the Principal or designate shall inform the Public Health Authority of these concerns.
5. Parents are encouraged to call their school nurse, community health centre, or their family doctor for more information about prevention, recognition and treatment of head lice in their family.
 - 5.1 Call Calgary Health Link at 943-LINK (5465) in the Calgary area or 1-866-408-LINK (5465) toll-free for more information if you are pregnant, breastfeeding, have children less than 24 months, or are allergic to ragweed or chrysanthemums.
 - 5.2 On-line resources: Canadian Paediatric Society
www.caringforkids.cps.ca/whensick/HeadLice.htm and Center for Disease Control and Prevention
<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dpd/parasites/lice/default.htm>

Reference:

Education Act, s. 11, 52, 53, 54, 196, 197, 222
Public Health Act