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Before inspections are conducted staff will explain to students what is being done and why, and it will be emphasised to students that the presence of head lice does not mean that their hair is less clean or less well kept. It will also be pointed out that head lice can be itchy and annoying but treatable.

Inspections of students will be conducted by appropriately trained personnel. The person conducting the inspections will search through each student's hair to see if lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the class teacher and the principal. The school will send a notice home with the child and provide parents with advice about the use of safe treatment practices.

Please note that the law requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.

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