

## DEALING WITH HEAD LICE OR OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

1. Communicable Diseases are defined as mainly: Head Lice, Scabies or School Sores.
2. When it is reported that a child has Head Lice, the school will automatically send a letter to all parents in the class/classes concerned. This letter states plainly that Communicable Diseases are a parental responsibility. It also requires a parent to sign a slip stating they have inspected their child and the child is either clear or has been treated. All slips are returned and marked off a class roll by the Teacher.
3. If they are infected they will be sent home with a letter stating they must be treated before they are allowed to return to School.
4. In the case of children with Scabies or School Sores being detected, a second letter will be sent home notifying their parents that they need medical attention and requesting their signature to indicate that they have been treated before returning to school.
5. If the condition persists then the Public Health Nurse should be notified for a home visit.
6. A register is to be kept by the School Secretary of children who are asked to stay home until they are clear of Communicable Diseases. The Public Health Nurse will liaise with the Secretary on the compilation of the Register.