AP 329 – Head Lice (Pediculosis)

Background

The purpose of this procedure is to ensure that students in the Abbotsford School District who contract head lice (pediculosis) receive prompt and effective treatment.

Procedures

At the start of each school year, appropriate health-related information on pediculosis should be provided to all elementary school students.

1. The following guidelines will apply to cases of pediculosis:

    1.1 The teacher or para-professional will immediately report any suspected cases of pediculosis to the principal.

    1.2 Upon receiving a report, the principal will take steps to verify the suspected case.

    1.3 Students who have contracted pediculosis may not be permitted to re-enter school until a compliance slip (see AP 329-1 Parent Checklist for Head Lice) is received by the principal. The compliance slip will indicate that the student has received one treatment followed by a combing, and agreement that the student will receive a second treatment in seven days.

    1.4 Any student who has a re-occurrence of pediculosis must also be inspected by the principal or designate and verified to be nit-free before being permitted to return to school.

Appendix AP 329-1 Parent Checklist for Head Lice

References http://www.fraserhealth.ca/your_health/school_health/head_lice)

http://www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile06.stm

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AP 329-1 Parent Checklist for Head Lice

Child's Name: _____

1. Check all family members
2. Treat affected family members with special lice shampoo or conditioner.
3. Remove ALL nits from hair with nit comb or fingernails – a vinegar and water rinse will help loosen the nits from the hair shaft.
4. Soak all combs / brushes in bleach solution or put in freezer for 24 hours.
5. Wash all bedding and towels and hats in hot water with bleach.
6. Put blankets in a hot dryer for 20 minutes or the freezer for 24 hours.
7. Vacuum the mattress, carpets and upholstery.
8. Return this checklist to your child's teacher when your child returns to school nit free.
9. Repeat treatment of all affected family members with special lice shampoo in one week's time.

** Remind your child not to share hats, scarves, etc., or to play with other children's hair.

I hereby certify that I have completed #1-8 above and will complete #9 within seven days.

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Parent (Guardian) signature Date