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Dear Parent or Guardian

Head lice is estimated to be the second most common infection experienced by children, next to the common cold. Lice cross all economic and educational lines. They infest families in all walks of life. Your child _____, appears to have contracted head lice and is being sent home for further examination and/or treatment. Your child may return to school after twenty-four hours if he/she is cleared by the principal or designee, and if proof of treatment is presented. The box top from the treatment shampoo shall serve as proof of treatment. The Head Lice Checklist, which you have been given, must also be completed with your signature for readmission.

Head lice infestation may be treated in various ways. Manchester City Schools do not endorse any particular method of treatment. The Coffee County Health Department, a licensed health care provider, or a pharmacist can make a recommendation as to the method of treatment.

Efforts must also be made to rid the home of lice. Thoroughly wash or dry clean clothing and all personal items. Items that are impractical to wash may be sealed in plastic bags for ten (10) days, or run in a clothes dryer set on high for at least thirty (30) minutes or on one complete cycle. Vacuum carpets, upholstery, and mattresses completely. Over-the-counter lice-control sprays made expressly for these items may also help.

Check other members of the family for lice, carefully looking at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Stress to your children the importance of not borrowing such items as combs, brushes, hats, hair ribbons, scarves, towels and clothing.

Please give your immediate attention to this problem. Failure to do so may result in your child being truant from school.

School Principal