



# The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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Dear Parents

## Bug Busting

A common concern raised by many parents of primary aged school children nationally is that of how to prevent their children from catching headlice. Regrettably, headlice occur in every school throughout the country and is an on-going problem everywhere. However, this difficult issue can be managed successfully if schools and parents work in partnership to tackle the problem openly.

A charity organisation, Community Hygiene Concern, recommend the 'bug busting' method of managing cases of headlice in young children which avoids the use of insecticides. They recommend that all schools nationally, provide parents with information and 'bug busting' kits regularly to support the control of the problem.

The 'bug busting' method recommends that after washing your child's hair, generous amounts of conditioner should be applied and, after detangling with an ordinary wide-toothed comb, the hair should be combed, sitting upright or leaning over the bath, from the roots with a special 'bug buster' fine tooth comb, with the teeth of the comb slotting into the hair at the roots with every stroke. After each stroke, any lice found should be cleared from the comb. This method should be repeated by parents regularly to help prevent headlice from occurring in the first place and used immediately when parents believe their child may have caught headlice.



This week, we are following the advice of Community Hygiene Concern to hold a 'bug busting' week and we are providing all families with a free 'bug busting' kit. If all families use the kit and guidance provided, we will be doing everything we can as a school community to manage this issue positively and actively together. We plan to hold 'bug busting' weeks three times each school year as recommended by Community Hygiene Concern and I hope that you find the information and kit provided useful and that you will join us in our school 'bug busting' week on this occasion so that all children return to school after half-term free of this problem.

Kind regards

Carol Hines  
Headteacher

