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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child may have come into contact with a student having pediculosis (head lice). Anyone can get head lice. They are a nuisance but do not cause illness. Please check your child and call the school if you find head lice.

Head lice are tiny (1/8" or 3mm long) wingless insects with flattened bodies. They cling to the hair by means of six legs. They live mostly behind the ears and at the nape of the neck. The female lays tiny, yellowish-white eggs called nits. They resemble dandruff but are attached to the hair by a cement-like material and are very difficult to remove. It is usually the eggs that are noticed first.

If head lice are found, do not return your child to school until treated. This will prevent the spread of pediculosis. Children are only allowed to re-enter the class when all the nits are removed from the hair.

For more information, refer to the attached document "The Facts of Lice". If you continue to have questions regarding the identification, treatment or prevention of head lice, please call the Public Health Nurses at York Region Health Services *Health Connection* line, 1-800-361-5653.

Sincerely,

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