

WEST MILFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HEAD LICE PROTOCOLS

Grades Pre K – 12: If active lice or nits (eggs) are found, the parent will be confidentially notified. School Nurses will provide information to the parents about proper treatment options. Students may return to class and await parent pick up at the discretion of the School Nurse.

Parents of children with head lice will be encouraged to inform other parents of close friends. Parents **will not be informed of other children who have head lice** in school. This is a privacy concern and the risk of getting lice from a classmate is minimal.

Students with lice will be checked upon return to school. There will be no special cleaning of the buses or classrooms.

Class screenings will not take place, however, siblings will be checked. School screenings are not an accurate way of assessing or predicting which children are or will become infested, and such screenings have not been proven to have a significant effect on the incidence of head lice in a school. Parents should routinely continue to check their child.

Any questions, please contact your school nurse and/or Principal. If additional information is needed, feel free to contact Dr. Elizabeth McQuaid, Director of Special Services at the Office of Special Services, 973-697-1700 ext. 5041.