



Dear K-5 families,

In an effort to prevent cases of lice on campus I want to share some prevention tips and resources that you may find helpful. Head lice are small insects that live in people's hair and feed on their blood. Lice glue their eggs, also called nits to hair. Head lice die quickly (within two days) without feeding so they cannot live very long away from your child's head. Nits take six to nine days to hatch, and seven or more days for the lice to become egg-laying adults.

- Never share hair grooming items and hair accessories (barrettes, combs, brushes, etc.). Never share towels, bedding, clothing, hats, and headgear.
- Check your child's head every day. If one person in the home has head lice, others should be checked too. Keep long hair up.
- Sleepovers are a common place for head lice to spread, check your child's head after a sleepover and wash all bedding brought home from the sleepover.

Per San Domenico Lice policy; Persons with live head lice OR viable nits, visualized by the school nurse or other trained designee, will be referred for treatment at the end of the school day. Prompt treatment will be advised including removal of live lice and viable nits, immediate removal of the person from school is unnecessary. Following treatment, the person will be readmitted to school the following day and must submit lice treatment release form, student will be rechecked by the school nurse, If **live** lice are found during the recheck, the child will be excluded from school until proper treatment has been completed. If any **nits** are found, either at the time of the initial or return check, the person may remain at school, and will be referred for further treatment/nit removal at the end of the school day.

Resources

[California Department of Public Health](#)

[American Academy of Pediatrics](#)

[San Domenico Lice Policy](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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