

## ISB HEALTH POLICY ON PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)

ISB considers the health and safety of its students and faculty of vital importance. The school health policy on pediculosis (head lice) follows the standards of the Center for Disease Control (CDC). <http://www.cdc.gov/dpdx/pediculosis/>

Any child found to have live lice will be required to return home to begin treatment. This precautionary action is required to ensure that the child begins immediate treatment, whilst also minimizing the chances of the lice infestation within the ISB community. Parents will be notified prior to a child's departure from school, and depending on the child's age, will require a parent to collect the child, or authorization that the child is permitted to go home on their own.

The school physician will also inform other parents who have children in the class so that they may monitor their children's condition. ISB honors student confidentiality and will therefore not provide the name of any student found with lice. The school physician in his/ her communication to parents and students will offer pertinent information about lice and recommended measures in managing the situation.

With any reported case of a student with lice, the school physician will perform a head inspection of students within that class, grade or students who may have had close contact with the student in question. This may also entail inspecting the student's siblings if they attend ISB. Parents may not send their child to school if they discover that their child has live lice and are asked to immediately notify the school so that children in their child's classes can be checked.

A student found with nits (non-hatched lice eggs) during class inspection is allowed to continue attending school. A note to parents (via e/letter) will require that the child undertake nit combing, regular hair inspection and treatment. A follow-up inspection by the school physician will take place to confirm the disappearance of lice eggs and the absence of lice.

A student found to have had live lice is permitted to return to school once lice treatment has been carried out (using medicated shampoo recommended by a health provider), and there is a clear absence of any lice. On return, the school physician will check to confirm the absence of lice.