

 PORTSMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
Policy: Head Lice
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Reported symptoms of head lice:

- Itchy scalp
- Itchy neck
- Crawling sensation – on the head/neck
- Seeing bugs – louse are approximately the size of a light brown sesame seed
- Finding nits (eggs)
- Swollen Lymph Nodes
- Pink Eye

Checking for head lice

- Provide student with privacy from other students/people walking into the office.
- Don gloves.
- Use a bright light and magnification to check the students scalp.
- Look around the base of the skull and the ears, ¼ inch up the hair shaft for nits.
- Look for live lice, nits and marks on the skin.

If student is found to have lice

- Student may return to class
- Advise them not to share coats/hats/hair accessories with other students
- Ask about close contacts
- Check identified classmates for head lice
- Call parents of all positive students
- Notify principal – follow communication direction given
- Student may return to school once they have had 1 treatment, it is no longer recommended that the student be nit free to return.

See following materials for more information.