

Steps to Eliminate Head Lice/Nits in the Classroom

1. Vacuum all carpeted areas, pillows, rugs, carpet squares, and upholstered furniture (such as couches, chairs, and bean bags) daily. Continue that care for 10 days beyond the last identified case of head lice. Discard the vacuum bag after each day's cleaning.
2. Do not use aerosols or fumigation sprays because lice do not hide in wall crevices and floor cracks like cockroaches or other household pests. Vacuuming is adequate.
3. Hang all outerwear (coats, hats, scarves, and mittens) and backpacks in separate lockers or in garbage bags. If using garbage bags, label with each child's name. For safety purposes, maintain garbage bags in areas where children will not have access.
4. Suspend all activities, games and learning stations that involve the sharing of personal items or clothing.
5. Place cloth items that cannot be laundered, vacuumed, or dry-cleaned in a tightly sealed container with a lid or a plastic bag for fourteen (14) days. This includes play clothing, linens, smocks, and cloth toys.
6. Wipe all cots and mats daily using a JCPS approved germicidal product (e.g., Virex) obtained from Housekeeping Services.