

## **Head Lice Policy**

Si Ri Panya International School has a scheduled whole school lice and nit check on the first Friday of each term and the first (3-times per year). The scheduled lice check day is shown on the school agenda which is displayed at the top of our Facebook page.

If lice and nits (louse eggs) are found on a headlice check day we will call or email you to inform you that we have found lice and nits (louse eggs) in your child's hair and at the end of the day the teacher will pass you our 'headlice policy' document. When your child returns to school ALL lice and nits (louse eggs) must be removed from your child's hair, if lice and nits (louse eggs) are still present then they will be sent home from school.

A "no nit" (louse eggs) policy is necessary since up to a third of nits (louse eggs) hatch despite (Lice) pediculicide shampoos.

### **This policy is intended to**

1. Reduce the number of pupils who continue to have head lice and are potential sources of spread to uninfested pupils.
2. Decrease the amount of time required to conduct head lice screening and rechecks by school staff.
3. Improve the school's overall health environment.
4. Return lost instructional time caused by head checks and associated record keeping.

### **Procedures:**

1. When pupils are identified with lice or nits (louse eggs), parents are contacted by email or phone and a copy of our Head Lice Policy is given.
2. If lice or nits (louse eggs) are discovered, a parent must use a lice killing treatment.
3. Then you must "pick the nits". Remove all of the nits by pulling, picking, cutting and combing them out of the hair.
4. A parent must accompany their child when they return to school with proof of that lice killing treatment (box/packaging) and see the class teacher or a member of management.
5. At that time, the student will be checked by a member of management and may remain at school only if they are clear of lice and nits (louse eggs).
6. If there are still lice and nits (louse eggs) in the hair children will have to return home with their parent for another lice killing treatment or "nit pick".

Please remember that school attendance is important, so quick action is critical should your child become infected. Your understanding and support of our efforts to improve the health and attendance of pupils will be appreciated.