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serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco.
It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.*

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Headlice in Secondary

Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

We have some unwanted visitors in school in the form of headlice! We have had some reports that these may have made their way into Secondary.

Please check your child's hair and, if necessary, treat your child and the family. If you discover that your child has become infested please do not send them to school until after they have been treated and ensure that you inform the school. In this way, we may be able to prevent the spread of these unwelcome visitors.

Prevention is the best approach. Head lice do not jump but pass from head-to-head/hair-to-hair contact, so they tend to pass more frequently amongst small children and families due to closer contact.

You can help to prevent the spread of head lice in the following ways:

- Regularly comb hair with a fine comb. This can be easier if hair is wet and has conditioner in it.
- Head lice do not seem fond of tea tree oil and so tea tree shampoos can be good.
- Encourage students to tie back their hair if it is long
- Encourage students not to take selfies with their heads too close together!

Yours faithfully

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