

**THE PROTESTANT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PENETANGUISHENE**

POLICY MANUAL

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POLICY STATEMENT

An infestation of pediculosis (Head Lice) is not defined as a reportable disease by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (SMDHU) nor is it considered a Prevalent Medical Condition as defined by the Ministry of Education under Policy and Program Memorandum (PPM) 161. Head Lice is classified as a nuisance by the SMDHU. As a responsible school community, it is incumbent on Burkevale School to minimize the risk of pediculosis infestations occurring in our building(s) without adversely affecting the self-esteem of our students.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

To provide a process for preventing and responding to pediculosis in Burkevale School.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

1. GENERAL SCREENING

Parents will be urged to complete head checks on their children on a regular basis throughout the year. Should a case of Head Lice be detected, parents are urged to contact the school. Parents are encouraged to check the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit Website for further information.

<https://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/HealthUnit/Workplaces/Schools/Student-Health>

2. NOTIFICATION OF PEDICULOSIS

2.1 When a case of head lice occurs, the school Administrative Assistant is to be notified. The school Administrative Assistant will inform the individual parent/guardian of the presence of head lice on their child(ren). A letter will be provided by the school informing all parents when a case of head lice has been detected in their child(ren)'s classroom.

2.2 Infested students are not to attend school until evidence of effective treatment has been demonstrated. Upon returning to school, students will have their heads checked by trained volunteers or staff to ensure the absence of nits and live bugs. If an effort to remove nits is not evident, parents/guardians will be asked to take their child(ren) home for further treatment.

3. AWARENESS PROTOCOL

The Principal/Vice-Principal shall inform-parents/guardians of the pediculosis policy and methods of preventing and monitoring pediculosis each year in a fall newsletter. Reminder notices will be sent home as required