



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### When can my child go back to school?

It is determined by the policy of the School Board for your child's school. Call your child's school to find out.



### Who should I tell when I find head lice? Why should I tell anyone?

- Call your child's school or daycare if you are the one who discovered it.
- Tell anyone who may have had contact with your child in the few days before it was discovered e.g. children at a sleepover, after-school activities.
- Telling others will help to identify, treat and prevent further spread of head lice.



### How can I prevent this from happening again?

Although you can't prevent it altogether, there are some things you can do:

- Check your child's hair every week, so if they get it, you will see it quickly before there are too many nits.
- Teach your child not to share personal items that are used on their head e.g. comb, hat, headband, barrettes.
- Teach your child to avoid head-to-head contact with others.



## WHAT IF THE TREATMENT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE WORKING?

### Here are a few reasons why the treatment may not have worked:

- It wasn't a head lice infestation.
- The directions for the treatment were not followed carefully. You must apply a second treatment at the right time for the product.
- The product was put on hair that had been washed with conditioning shampoo or rinsed with hair conditioner. It reduces the effectiveness.
- All of the nits were not removed and some of them lived and hatched.
- It's a re-infestation – your child got head lice right away again.
- The head lice may be resistant to the product you used. Ask your health care provider or the pharmacist to suggest another product.



## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### Call your local health unit

- Middlesex-London Health Unit 519-663-5317 Ext. 2280
- Southwestern Public Health - St. Thomas 519-631-9900 Ext. 1400
- Southwestern Public Health - Woodstock 519-421-9901 Ext. 3473

### Websites:

- <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/>
- [http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head\\_lice](http://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice)

