

## **PEDICULOSIS (HEAD LICE)**

### **Background**

The Division recognizes the concern represented by the transmission of pediculosis in schools and therefore encourages close communication between school staff, parents and public health nurses regarding the detection and resolution of instances of pediculosis. Care will be taken to protect the individual from undue invasion of privacy.

### **Procedures**

1. School staffs shall work with public health authorities and School Community Councils to describe and then communicate to parents both preventative and remedial procedures for dealing with instances of pediculosis.
2. The Principal and/or public health nurse may not permit the children to return to school until they have undergone a course of treatment considered appropriate by the Public Health Authority.
3. If there are ongoing concerns about particular cases not responding or being compliant with therapy, then the Principal shall inform the Public Health Authority of these concerns.

Reference: Sections 85, 87, 108, 109, 175, 188, 190 Education Act