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Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have children with head lice in your child's program. We need the cooperation of all parents.

Please check your child and family carefully for head lice. Everyone in your family who has head lice must be treated with a head lice product at the same time and eggs should be removed. Finding head lice and treating immediately and completely helps to control spread to others. A second treatment with the head lice product 7-10 days later must be done. Follow up with washing clothes and housecleaning.

All children returning to child care after having head lice will be checked on arrival and will be required to return home if they are not free of head lice.

Reasons why a child could have head lice two or more times:

1. The lice you see are very small bugs, they may have just hatched from eggs you did not remove.
2. If large bugs are seen, your child may have picked up head lice again from someone or head lice have crawled back from clothes, bedding, or furniture.

Check the health unit website, www.huroncounty.ca/health for more information.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,