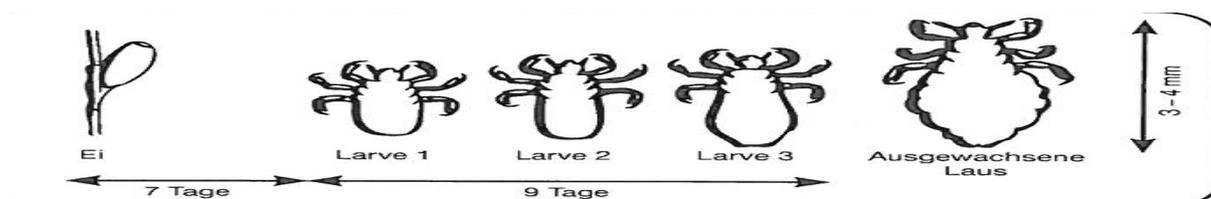


Information Leaflet „Pupils in your child’s class have head lice?“

Main Points to note (Englische Übersetzung – Kopfläuse)

- Anyone can get head lice – by working together we can eliminate them.
- Acting quickly can break the cycle of infection at school.
- Diagnosis and treatment of the occurrence of head lice is the responsibility of parents.
 - Please check your child and other family members immediately (see below).
 - If you find any head lice, treat them straight away according to the instructions on Page 2.



Egg

Larva 1

Larva 2

Larva 3

Adult Louse

- **Eggs** („Nits“, when empty) stick tightly to the hair. They look like dandruff, but can’t simply be wiped away.
- Head lice have a similar colour to hair and shy away from light. A visual inspection of dry hair can miss the presence of head lice (For an inspection of wet hair, see below).

The correct procedure for finding head lice, eggs and nits

1. Wet the hair.
2. Apply generous amounts of conditioner to the wet hair.
3. To get rid of knots and tangles, comb the hair thoroughly (brush/comb).
4. Comb out each strand of hair from the scalp to the ends with a lice comb.
5. After combing out each strand wipe the comb on white paper (e.g. kitchen paper) to see any lice or nits which are present.
6. Rinse the hair thoroughly.

Important

- If head lice are found, immediately advise the people with whom you have contact (school, crèche, friends, etc.) in order to prevent the infection spreading.
- Once a week check all family members for head lice using a lice comb.
- Soak combs, brushes, hair clips for 10 minutes in hot (60° C) soapy water.
- Keep long hair tied back to prevent direct head-to-head contact.
- Other measures are not necessary – concentrate on the hair!

The best prevention: to aid in early detection apply conditioner to the child's wet hair and comb out with the lice comb.

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