BRUNSWICK’S SCHOOL LICE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

The school policy is intended to outline roles, responsibilities and expectations of the school community to assist with controlling head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner.

Brunswick School, in agreement with the Greenwich Public Schools, Harvard School of Public Health, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses recognizes that no disease process is associated with head lice and under the best practice, screening in schools does little to reduce the incidence of head lice. Rather it is most important that the parents regularly inspect their child for head lice at home; perhaps at the same time they inspect their children for the presence of deer ticks, a more serious threat to children’s health.

While parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice, the Brunswick School community will work with families in a cooperative and collaborative manner so they can manage head lice effectively.

* On the day a case of head lice is reported or discovered at school every student in the entire class PK through 4th grade will be checked by the school nurse and 5th grade through 12th grade students at risk will be checked.

* A letter will be sent home to the entire class asking all parents to carefully check their children along with other family members.

* Children who have head lice cannot return to the classroom until they are lice and nit free. Students returning to school after treatment for head lice must report to the nurse for a head check prior to returning to the classroom.
* When there is a known case of head lice in a classroom, all children from that class (PK – 4th), will be re-checked one week later by our school nurse and grades 5th through 12th, individual exposed children will be checked.

* When a child with a reported case of head lice has siblings at another division, the school nurse will notify the other division.

* The School will continue to remind students not to share hats, coats, or other pertinent items.

* An informational bulletin regarding head lice infestation and management will be emailed on an as needed basis.