## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

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- 1. If a student is found to have nits or a live infestation of head lice, the parent/guardian will be notified immediately via phone and information on head lice will be given to the parent/guardian at the time their child is picked up.
  - a. The student **must** be picked up promptly after notification has been made.
  - b. The student must begin treatment for head lice.
  - c. Students will not be permitted to go back to school until 48 hours after treatment began AND there are no live lice present on the child.
  - d. It is the parent's responsibility to manage head lice by checking for live lice daily and before returning to school, as well as checking and combing out nits daily for 14 days following the first treatment.
- 2. After treatment has begun, students found to have nits (lice eggs) are permitted to remain in school. If a student is found to have nits the parents will be contacted. Nits can hatch live lice, so parents are encouraged to comb the nits out with a fine-toothed comb daily for the following 14 days.
- 3. If a student with an active infestation of head lice has siblings in the school, they will be checked for head lice discreetly in the office.
- 4. The day the student returns to school, their head will be checked for live lice by school staff prior to entering a classroom.
- 5. Classroom notifications (for any affected classroom) will be done when head lice are found.

## SCHOOL CLEANING

- 1. If a student is found to have head lice or nits, the affected classroom(s) and upholstered furniture will be cleaned and vacuumed.
- 2. Stuffed animals and pillows will be removed from affected classroom(s) and bagged for 14 days.