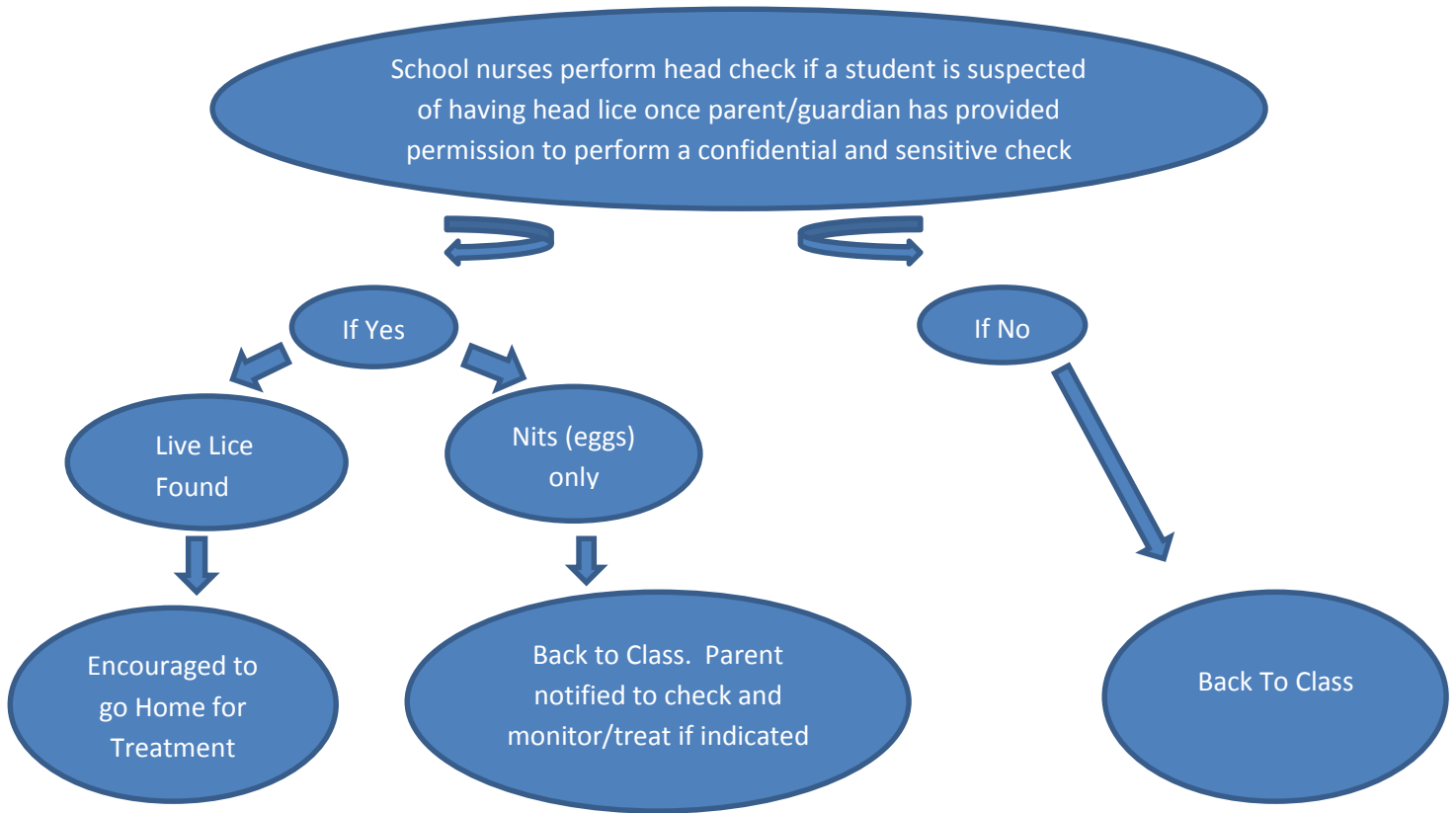


School Head Lice Management Protocol



Staff Suspects a Student has Head Lice

If a student is visually identified as having head lice, the parent/guardian will be contacted and recommended to begin treatment as soon as possible. If student is suspected of having head lice, the nurse will contact the parent for permission to perform a confidential and sensitive head check. If permission is granted, the nurse will perform check.

If live lice are found, the parent/guardian will be notified and encouraged to begin treatment as soon as possible. If parent/guardian is unable to begin treatment during the school day, the student will remain in school until dismissal.

The nurse will follow-up with the student and the parent/guardian the next day.

The nurse will monitor transmission within the classroom and school.



Parent Identifies or Suspects Head Lice

The parent/guardian notifies the school that head lice has been identified and treated. With permission the school nurse performs a confidential and sensitive head check at school in the health office.

The school nurse will monitor transmission within the classroom and school.



Communication Regarding Head Lice at School

Parents/Guardians will be notified about head lice in a classroom. Students will only be checked for lice by the school nurse upon parent request.

Parents are encouraged to perform regular head checks at home

Head lice is not a public health threat

Average head lice transmission in school is very low (.3%)

Protecting student confidentiality is a priority.

