 Unicorn Preparatory School	<b>UNICORN PREPARATORY SCHOOL</b>	Policy No
	Section (8) Health & Safety  <b>Communicative Disease &amp; Infestation Policy</b>	8.15

[Attachment 1 – letter to parents to treat lice](#)

[Attachment 2 – letter to be sent home when a child has lice \(or similar\)](#)

### 1.) Background

#### a) Communicative diseases like:


- I. H1N1 (swine) Flu
- II. influenza,
- III. gastroenteritis,
- IV. MRSA (skin infections)
- V. pertussis (whooping cough)
- VI. tuberculosis
- VII. measles
- VIII. mumps
- IX. chicken pox, and
- X. similar, spread rapidly in the close confines of a classroom and the school should ensure the health and safety of all.

### 2.) Legislation

- a) The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996.
- b) The South African Schools Act, Act 84 of 1996.
- c) Government Gazette Vol.410, No.20372, 10th August 1999.
- d) The Children's Act (Act no. 38 of 2005) as amended.

### 3.) General

- a) In the interest of public health and learner safety, children displaying symptoms will be sent home as a precautionary action.
- b) Children with infestations like lice, ring worm, scabies and similar, will also be sent home. Children suffering from these infestations should only return when it is clear or with a doctor's certificate indicating that they no longer pose a threat of infection to other learners.
- c) Children with lice infestation may only return once the lice and nits (eggs of a louse) have been removed from the hair. The nit sticks to the hair and must be carefully removed using a fine-toothed comb or fingers.
- d) Parents are reminded that this is not a disciplinary process, but a public health procedure.
- e) Children who are unwell - We require parents to keep their children at home if they are not feeling well in the morning. This includes a temperature, vomiting, a runny or painful stomach, pink eye or the like. Please contact Reception so that a note can be placed on the child's digital Journal. This will prevent teachers and other children from being affected and causing more absenteeism.

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