

What to Do If a Child Has Lice in the Classroom

The good news: lice **do not live in the environment** and cannot survive long without a human scalp. Thorough cleaning like vacuuming the whole classroom or bagging items is **not necessary**.

Recommended:

- Continue regular classroom cleaning routines.
- If it brings peace of mind, wipe down headphones or hair accessories that were shared.

Not Needed:

- Vacuuming carpets or furniture specifically for lice.
- Bagging stuffed animals, pillows, or other items.
- Using sprays, foggers, or pesticides.

Keeping calm and avoiding unnecessary disruption is best for both staff and students.

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