



Head Lice Policy

Statement of intent

In the event that a child is found to have an infestation of head lice Pre-school puts into practice agreed procedures. These are to ensure that outbreaks are contained as swiftly as possible.

Aim

In the event that a child is found with head lice, we will ensure that all parents/carers are informed of the situation to enable the appropriate action to be taken. We inform parents/carers of our procedures in order that they know what will be expected of them if their child is affected.

Procedures

1. For reasons of practicality the onus is on the parents/carers to regularly check their children for infestations of head lice, this fact will be communicated to all parents/carers so that they are aware of this.
2. Where a child is discovered to be affected by a pre-school staff member, the staff member will make the Manager/Deputy Manager aware of the issue.
3. If a member of staff is informed by a parent/carer that their child has been found to have an infestation the staff member shall enquire if the child has been treated, if this is the case then the only action will be to invoke the notice to parents/carers to inform them of a case of head lice. If the child has not been treated then parents/ carers will be asked to collect their child so they can be treated with the appropriate care/ medicine.
4. A notice informing of a case of head lice will be kept at a pre-school to enable it to be displayed when anyone at the pre-school has been affected.
5. In cases of a child being affected, where noticed by a pre-school staff member, that child will not be identified to others except to the parent/carer.
6. Where a staff member is informed by the parent/carer of the child's infestation, the only further people to be informed will be the Staff team.
7. The best way to try and prevent head lice is to use a Nit comb and conditioner every time your child's hair is washed. This prevents the eggs hatching as the hair is too glossy to stick to.

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Signed Manager..... Signed Secretary.....