



Head Lice Policy Little Stars Day Nursery

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Head Lice Policy.

The aim of this policy is to ensure parents / carers are aware of the need to be checking their children's hair regularly and know how to deal with the problem of head lice.

The role of the setting:

- Little Stars Day Nursery Staff will not probe around a child's hair to look for head lice, however if staff see head lice within a child's hair or we feel a suspected problem exists parents /carers will be contacted to collect their child.
- It will be explained that they need to treat their child with the correct lotion from a pharmacy or health care section. Purely washing a child's hair is not sufficient treatment.
- Once their child has been treated their child can be admitted back into the setting.
- The setting can provide information on how to treat head lice if the parent /carer would like.
- The setting will inform parents' /carers if a case of head lice has been identified. Children who have this are never to be identified to others.
- If persistent cases of head lice are reported then a letter will be sent out to all children and families.

The role of the parents /carers:

- We ask you regularly check your child's hair and know how to deal with infestation.
- Be aware that anyone can catch head lice and it has nothing to do with 'dirty hair'.
- To inform the setting if you suspect or find your child has head lice.
- To collect your child and treat their hair before they come back to nursery.