



The Play Den
23 Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements
HEADLICE POLICY

Head Lice can affect people from any socio-economic background and ethnicity and do not imply a lack of hygiene or cleanliness of the infected person.

In order to try and prevent other children becoming infected we have put together the following procedure. We hope that as Parents you too will work with us to prevent and treat the spread of head lice.

- Children will not be excluded from our care because they have head lice and we ask that all children and parents are sensitive and understanding towards the child.
- We request that head lice is treated immediately they are found to prevent cross-infection to other children.
- We request that all children with **long hair wear their hair up** to prevent the spread of Head Lice
- We request that parents check their children's hair once a week with a special head lice comb to aid early detection.
- We request that parents inform us immediately if they have discovered that their child has head lice.
- We will provide information on the effective treatment and detection of Head Lice.

- We will inform all parents using our service if a child has head lice but we will not say who to respect confidentiality.
- We are happy to support parents with the manual removal of head lice using a special comb, please discuss this with Marie or Kate.
- We will assist in the prevention of Head Lice by ensuring the children only use their own hairbrushes and combs and that the play dressing up hats are regularly cleaned.

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