



Head Lice Alert

Dear Parent/Carer,

There have been a few cases of head lice recently identified in pre-school. This is nothing to be alarmed about, but it is a nuisance, so we'd just like to remind you of the regular five step routine you need to follow for detecting, treating and removing them:

1. Detection: Once a week, perhaps on a Sunday evening after a bath, use a plastic head lice comb to hunt for head lice.
2. Treatment: If you find a live one.... don't panic! But please treat your child as soon as possible to get rid of head lice. There are many treatment products available from all pharmacies and you can find out more about treating headlice at www.headlice.co.uk
3. Removal: After you have treated the lice according to the instructions, apply enough conditioner to thoroughly cover the hair. Comb the hair from root to tip with a plastic removal comb and use a tissue to wipe the comb after each stroke.
4. Headlice can be transmitted onto bedding, towels and favourite toys, so it is best to wash all bedding, towels and anything else that may have come into contact with your child's hair.
5. Children with long hair should have it tied back at pre-school to help reduce the risk of headlice spreading between children.

Please let pre-school know as soon as possible if you discover that your child has head lice, so that we can alert others to the situation.

The pre-school relies on your co-operation. It is virtually impossible to get rid of headlice completely in pre-school, but if everyone behaves responsibly the problem will very much reduced.

Please be aware that if staff can see live head lice in your child's hair you will be contacted to come and collect your child from pre-school immediately.

Many Thanks for your Continued Support.

Cheylesmore Pre-School