

Head lice

Policy statement

Dragonflies Preschool acknowledges the problems that head lice can cause and encourages families to work together to minimise this problem.

Procedures

We ask that parents:

- Check their child's hair for head lice on a regular basis.
- Check the whole families' hair for head lice on a regular basis.
- Do not send their child to pre-school with untreated head lice.
- Tie back shoulder length or long hair.
- Discuss with staff if they are having difficulties controlling head lice.

If head lice and/or eggs are visible to preschool staff on a child and we have not been advised that they have been treated, we will inform parents/carers when they collect the child from pre-school. The same day, we will notify all parents that head lice have been detected and will ask all parents to check and treat their children that evening. This is to help prevent the spread of head lice to other children.

We will not discuss with parents/carers head lice problems of any child but their own.

We will maintain discretion and confidentiality at all times.

This policy was adopted by

Dragonflies Preschool

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Signed on behalf of the provider

Name of signatory

Role of signatory

Trustee