

KLOISTERS KINDERGARTEN

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

HEADLICE POLICY

You may not be aware that we should not undertake the task of checking the children's hair, although the presence of head lice is sometimes obvious without the need to check, this is the responsibility of parent's. Although with parental permission, any member of the Kindergarten staff would always check your child's hair for you, or explain what you need to look for, or how you need to treat your child's hair once it has been detected.

Nits and Head Lice are not an excludable condition, although in exceptional cases a parent/carer may be asked to keep the child away until the infestation has cleared. We do not want to exclude any child but we will treat every case individually, and it may be necessary in some cases to ask parent's if their child can wear some sort of head covering.

The average infected head has around 10 lice, if left unchecked however, the numbers can grow to as many as 200 lice per head. As head lice cannot jump or fly, transmission is by prolonged head to head contact where the lice simply walk from one head to another. Head lice can be caught by anyone, of any age or race, they are a community problem, not just a nursery or school problem.

Policy Links – Health and Safety Policy

First Aid Policy

Managing children with allergies of infectious diseases

Administration of Medication Policy

Infection Control Guidelines at Public Health England

Risk Assessment Policy

Confidentiality Policy

Equal Opportunities Policy

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Manager