Head Lice Policy

It is recognised that head lice can be a very common problem for children in group settings and their families.

Guidance from the Health Protection Agency to Child Care Settings is that children do not need to be excluded if they have head lice but their parents must be advised of the need to treat the infestation appropriately.

We encourage all parents to be vigilant, check their children regularly and advise us if there seems to be a problem so that other parents can be informed.

If staff notice any signs, they will discreetly draw them to the parent’s attention.

While we don’t consider having head lice to be any kind of reflection on a child or their family, we do respect their right for confidentiality.

Staff at Playgroup are happy to advise and provide information to parents if necessary.

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