

Ofsted Registered Childminding Service

Head Lice 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 infested person.

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

- **No** Child will be excluded from my care because they have head lice and I ask that all children and parents are sensitive and understanding towards the child. It is not their fault they have head lice.
- Request that all children with long hair wear their hair up to prevent the spread of Head Lice
- Request that parents check their children's hair once a week with a special head lice comb to aid early detection.
- Request that parents inform me immediately if they have discovered that their child has head lice.
- I will provide information on the effective treatment and detection of Head Lice, via my portfolio.
- I will inform all parents using my service if a child has head lice but I will not say who to respect confidentiality.
- I am happy to support parents with the manual removal of head lice using a special comb, please discuss this with me.
- I 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.