

# HEAD LICE POLICY

## *Statement of Intent*

Bishy Barnabees works with families to ensure that all children can enjoy being at nursery whilst staying healthy and free from Head lice.

## *Aims*

- To ensure consistent advice and support is offered by all staff
- To raise the level of awareness within the nursery, about the nature and management of head lice.

## *Prevention and Control*

- Head lice can affect adults and children; therefore the responsibility for the prevention and control of head lice lies with the parent or carer if a child is affected.
- All adults within the family should inspect their own hair and their children's hair routinely.
- If live lice are found, then a treatment option should be chosen and carried out.

## *Management of Treatment*

- Treatment must be started as soon as live lice are detected
- Advice on treatment should be available from practice nurses, health visitors, general practitioners, pharmacists and child health clinics. Bishy Barnabees has a leaflet explaining what to look for and the most effective ways to treat.

## *Management Control within the Nursery*

- Bishy Barnabees will inform parents at collection if they suspect their child has head lice.
- If head lice are detected for a second time within a 7 day period, parents may be called to collect their child early so treatment can be started immediately.
- If head lice continue to be a problem within a short period of time, the family may be requested to keep their child at home for 7 consecutive days to ensure the whole family can be treated effectively.

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