



Willoughby Way, Winklebury, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG23 8AF

Ofsted URN:

Charity Number: 1162991

Head Lice Policy

Policy Statement

It is W.I.S.P.S duty to ensure the child's welfare is always paramount. Head lice are common in young children and these can cause discomfort and irritation for the child. Head lice do spread rapidly and therefore potentially multiple children can become effected.

EYFS Key Themes and Commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
Inclusive practice Keeping safe	Parents as partners	Supporting every child	

Procedures

- W.I.S.P.S will inform the parent/carer verbally, with discretion, if their child has head lice.
- Where possible the Key-Person will inform the parent/carer and support any needs/requirements that the parent/carer may have.
- W.I.S.P.S recognises the importance of the child's welfare and we feel it is our duty to ensure that we inform parents/carers how to treat head lice.
- Any child arriving at W.I.S.P.S with head lice visible in their hair, after their parent/carer has been advised to treat them, the child's Key-Person shall contact the parent/carer and ask for the child to be taken home and treated in the first instance.
- A child who has been sent home from W.I.S.P.S with visible head lice will not be permitted back to the setting until treatment has been undertaken and re-checked. **NB this will be for a minimum of 48 hours.**

Please do not send your child to Pre-School if you have noticed live lice in their hair, please treat all family members with a head lice treatment and ensure hair is free from lice before returning to Pre-School.

Should head lice fail to be treated W.I.S.P.S will deem this as a form of neglect and necessary safeguarding procedures will be followed by the setting. Please refer to our Safeguarding Policies for guidance.