



28th March 2019

Head Lice

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have altered the attached "Communicable Deceases" notification with an update to the section about head lice.

If we notice a child has head lice we will inform the parent/carer immediately and tell them to collect their child and treat their hair plus treat all the members of the family. Once this is done the child will be able to come back in to the setting. We will then text all parents/Carers in that child's group to inform them to be vigilant and treat their child/family if they find them.

There are three other preventative strategies we are bringing in from immediate affect:

1. **For Health and Safety reasons children with long hair should have it plaited or tied into a ponytail or bunches.**
2. **If we have noticed or been notified a child or children in your child's group has got head lice you will receive the attached letter.**
3. **If your child/children have head lice I have been informed you can collect a Minor Aliments Leaflet from your local Pharmacy or Doctor's Surgery which will enable you to get free treatments to treat your child/children. This should alleviate the costs of treatments. Please see the attached example, I have spoken to staff at the Boots Pharmacy in Bosworth Health Centre and they will be able to assist you, also the Boots Pharmacy in Chelmsley Wood Town Centre can be used.**

We understand fully parents frustrations with this issue but if we all adhere to all children with long hair having it tied back, educate the children about how head lice transfer from one head to another and treat all members of the family when required we can at the very least keep the situation under control.

Kind regards

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