



Dorothy Hughes Kindergarten



Head Lice Policy

Head Lice is an unfortunate part of Kindy and School environments.

Parents will be notified when a confirmed case has been identified at the Centre through a visual notice that is displayed on the door.

All families are encouraged to check their child's hair when notified of an 'outbreak' to help prevent the cycle of Head Lice.

Due to the highly infectious nature of Head Lice, children with a suspected case will be sent home for treatment.

Head Lice may be suspected when the following is observed:

1. Continued, persistent scratching of the head, particularly around the nape of the neck or above the ear.
2. Lice is evident in the hair.
3. Eggs are evident in the hair.

When a suspected case of Head Lice is detected, Educators will contact parent/carer to collect the child from the Centre as soon as possible.

Children may return back to the Centre once a recommended treatment has been applied and hair has been combed with a 'fine tooth' lice comb to remove the eggs.

Educators at our Kindergarten

- Educators will make observations of children's hair during the Kindy session. Children **will not** be excluded for 'hair checks'.
- When parents fill out the Enrolment Pack, they have the opportunity to say if they give permission for Educators to check their child's hair.

Education and Information

- Tying back children's hair may help to limit the spread of Head Lice.

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