



Head Lice Policy 2024-2025

Bedford Kindergarten

At Bedford Kindergarten, we are committed to ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of all children in our care. Head lice are a common occurrence in schools and kindergartens, and we aim to manage and minimize their impact through education, early detection, and effective communication with parents.

Objectives

- To minimize the spread of head lice within the kindergarten.
- To ensure the privacy and dignity of all children and families.
- To provide clear guidelines for the detection and management of head lice.

Guidelines

1. Prevention

- Regular awareness campaigns will be conducted for parents and staff to provide information on head lice prevention and management.
- Parents are encouraged to routinely check their children's hair for head lice and nits (eggs).
- Children with long hair should keep it tied back to minimize the risk of transmission.

2. Detection

- If a staff member suspects a child has head lice, the child's parents will be notified immediately in a discreet and sensitive manner.
- A general notification will be sent to parents of children in the same class, advising them to check their child's hair.

3. Management

- Parents of a child with head lice are required to treat their child's hair promptly before returning to the kindergarten.

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- The child may return to kindergarten once treatment has commenced, and no live lice are present.
- If live lice are detected upon the child's return, parents will be contacted to continue treatment at home.

4. Communication

- The kindergarten will maintain confidentiality and avoid singling out children to respect their privacy.
- Parents will receive educational materials about head lice treatment and prevention.
- Open communication between parents and staff is encouraged to ensure effective management.

5. Staff Responsibilities

- Staff will observe hygiene practices to prevent the spread of head lice within the kindergarten.
- They will monitor and notify parents promptly if head lice are detected.

Responsibilities of Parents

- Conduct regular head checks for lice and nits.
- Inform the kindergarten immediately if their child has head lice.
- Follow recommended treatment protocols before sending their child back to kindergarten.

Review of Policy

This policy will be reviewed annually or as needed to ensure it remains effective and up-to-date.

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