

Head Lice

Head lice are tiny wingless insects. They live among human hairs and feed on blood from the scalp.

Head lice are a common problem, especially for children. They spread easily from person to person, and sometimes are tough to get rid of. Their bites can make a child's scalp itchy and irritated, and scratching can lead to infection.

Head lice are annoying, but they're not dangerous and they don't spread disease.

They're not a sign of poor hygiene. Head lice need blood and they don't care whether it's from someone who's clean or dirty.

It's best to treat head lice right away to prevent them from spreading.

Head lice is a problem that can sometimes occur in the Nursery, information leaflets are available from the nursery, local pharmacy and on the internet. If you find your child to have head lice please notify the nursery manager / deputy and an information leaflet will be displayed on the notice board and sent home with all children to advise all parents of the procedure to follow in checking their child's hair and available treatments if necessary.

This will help to keep head lice to a minimum.

If head lice are found on a child they should be kept at home and treated before they return to nursery.

If a staff member suspects a child may have head lice you will be notified and advised to check your child's hair.

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Eversley Nursery School