

HEAD LICE

POLICY

Cook's School Day Care Inc is committed to making every effort to control the spread of head lice.

Head Lice always causes concern and frustration for some parents, staff and children. Head lice is not considered a communicable disease and head lice infestation does not spread disease, but it can be transmitted through head to head contact with a person who has and infestation or through contact with personal objects (for example: combs, hats, etc.).

PROCEDURE

In order to minimize the spread of head lice in our programs, we have a nit-free policy in place. Children who are found to have head lice (nits and/or live lice) will be sent home for treatment and will not be allowed to return until they are nit free.

While parents have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice our childcare centre will work in a cooperative and collaborative manner to assist all families to manage head lice effectively.

If a child has live head lice present, they are to be excluded from the Centre until treatment has commenced and all live lice and eggs have been removed (the most important part of the treatment is the removal of eggs with a comb, treatment alone does not remove the lice and eggs). The procedure should be repeated in 7 days to ensure that any live eggs that weren't removed in the first course of treatment are killed off before hatching into lice.

Parents will be encourage to talk to:

- Your children and let them know we conduct regular inspections in our programs.
- A trusted professional (doctor, pharmacist, naturopath, etc.) to determine the treatment that is appropriate and effective for your family.
- Us. Please keep us informed if you have detected and/or have been treating your children for head lice.

MODIFICATIONS TO THIS OR OTHER POLICIES

Any policy that does not respect and promote the dignity, independence, integration and equal opportunity of people with disabilities will be modified or removed. Our policies are maintained and updated regularly to reflect our practices, employees and best serve our customers.