**HEAD LICE POLICY**

Children with head lice will not be excluded from My Childcare and Me, but we would ask that these recommendations are followed in order to try and prevent other children becoming infected:

* parents inform us immediately if they have discovered that their child has head lice;
* children with long hair wear their hair up to prevent the spread of infection;
* parents check their children’s hair at least once a week with a special head lice comb.

We hope that the parents of children with head lice will work with us to treat, and prevent the spread of, the infection. We also ask that all children and parents are sensitive and understanding towards the subject of head lice, as it is not the fault of the child that is infected. Head Lice can affect people from any socio-economic background and ethnicity. It also does not imply a lack of hygiene or cleanliness.

If a child in our care has head lice we will inform the parents of the other children in our care. My Childcare and Me will not disclose which child it is that has the head lice, to keep the confidentiality of the other child and parents.

We will assist in the prevention of head lice by ensuring the children only use their own hairbrushes and combs, and that the dressing up hats are regularly cleaned.

We are happy to discuss the manual removal of head lice while your child is in our care.