

Dear Parents and Carers

Under the Centre's Head Lice Policy, if we suspect your child of head lice we need to have your written consent prior to checking your child's head for head lice.

Our Head Lice Policy is in our Policy and Procedure's folder in the main foyer. For your information an extract of the policy is as follows:

If a child is seen to have Head Lice, the following will occur:

- The Supervisor will be notified,
- The parent/carer will be contacted and asked to collect their child.
- The child's hair will be covered with their hat to ensure that the lice do not spread.
- The child will not be made to feel isolated at any time.

If there is an outbreak of Head Lice at **Pagewood Kindergarten** we ask parents/guardians:

- To check children's hair for head lice on a weekly basis, at home, using the recommended conditioner/combing detection method.
- That your child does not attend childcare with untreated head lice (in accordance with Health Infectious Diseases Regulations 2001).
- To regularly inspect all household members and then treat them if necessary.
- To notify the centre if their child is found to have live lice and advise when appropriate treatment was commenced (in accordance with Health Infectious Disease Regulations 2001).
- That has children with long hair, will attend childcare with hair tied back.
- To use only safe and recommended practices to treat head lice;
- To notify the parents/guardians of your child's friends so they have an early opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.
- To maintain a sympathetic attitude and avoid stigmatising/blaming families who are experiencing difficulty with control measures.
- To act responsibly and respectfully when dealing with members of the centre and broader community especially around issues of head lice.

In cases of severe outbreaks children may be individually checked as they arrive at the Centre each day, with the approval of the parents.

We ask you to sign the permission slip below to enable us to check your child's hair in the case that we suspect head lice.

I _____ parent/carer of _____

give permission for a staff member of Pagewood Kindergarten to check my child's hair for head lice whilst they are in their care at the Centre.

Signed _____ Dated _____