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## HEADLICE POLICY

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We are aware that head lice are difficult to control but endeavor to reduce the spread wherever possible. Being vigilant is important. If a member of staff notices a child has head lice the parent will be notified as soon as possible by telephone, or if this is not possible when they collect the child. We ask you visit the pharmacy and obtain the recommended treatment - this may vary.

Please then treat your child before returning them to nursery. It is strongly recommended that all other family members have their hair inspected and treated if necessary. We would recommend that long hair should be tied up to prevent head lice. Please notify the nursery manager if you notice your child has or has had head lice. This information will be communicated to all parents\carers in the nursery via a general notice - your child's name will not be mentioned. If a child attends nursery and after discussions with staff continues to be sent in with head lice it may become necessary to gain further advice from either the Local Authority. We must consider the best interests of the entire nursery.