

APPLE TREE DAY NURSERY

HEAD LOUSE CONTROL POLICY

Apple Tree Day Nursery staff are aware of the difficulties controlling head lice, left untreated a head louse may live as long as 40 days. If however, a head treatment is used they wont last for very long.

- a) If a child has eggs or live lice in their hair they must not attend nursery until they have been treated.
- b) If head lice are detected during nursery hours, the child's parent will be contacted and will be asked to collect their child immediately must be treated before returning to the nursery.
- c) All cases of head lice must be reported to staff, so that other families can be made aware. (No names will be used)
- d) If a child has re-occurring problems with head lice, Apple Tree Day Nursery staff will support and advise families.
- f) Children with long hair are advised to wear their hair up. Although head lice are unable to jump or fly, when two heads touch a head louse will crawl from one head to another.

We would advise all families to check their hair on a regular basis using a "nit" comb.