

Bowesfield Primary School

Policy for the Prevention of Headlice

Through the consistent application of this policy we aim to work with parents / carers and the school nurse to raise awareness of how to prevent and treat headlice and to reduce incidents of headlice infestation. All children are asked to tie their hair back for school, if it is long enough.

If a member of staff sees live lice in any child's hair the following action will be taken;

1. Parent / carer will be contacted by telephone and asked to collect the child for immediate treatment.
2. Parent / carer to collect the child and treat using the wet comb method. School will provide a comb if needed and details of how to contact health professionals for advice.
3. On the same day, school will contact the school nursing team that the child has gone home for wet comb treatment and that parent / carer has been given their contact details.
4. The child will be returned to school as soon as possible, once the live lice have been removed from their hair. Any absence due to headlice is unauthorised.
5. The parent / carer can then treat all members of the family with live lice using recommended lotion or the wet comb method. This can be prescribed by the school nurse.

If live lice continue to be seen after the child's return to school, a Common Assessment Form is completed so that the child can be referred to the school nurse, and the family given further advice and support.

Support provided to parents / carers:

Comb for wet comb method on request.

Advice leaflet on treatment.

Contact details for school nurse – who can advise on treatment and prescribe lotion / combs.

Support from Pastoral Support Adviser – Claire Cotterill