



Head Lice Policy

Head lice are predominantly passed from person to person by direct contact or by contact with infested bedding, furniture, or carpeting, and more rarely through shared personal items. Head lice do not fly or jump. They crawl and can fall off the head. Lice do not usually live longer than 48 hours off the head. Lice do not spread to pets and you cannot get them from pets. Anyone can get head lice and they are not a sign of poor hygiene.

It is the responsibility of all parents to check their child's hair regularly for head lice and nits (small eggs that cling to the hair shafts) and to provide adequate treatment as necessary. Parents must inform the school immediately if head lice or nits are found so we can notify all other parents and prevent a larger outbreak. As a preventative measure, Aleph Preschool will have all children checked by a professional in the first 2 months of school and may have other professional checks throughout the year as deemed necessary.

Aleph Preschool policy, in accordance with DHS Licensing guidelines, requires that children with live lice be removed from the classroom immediately and sent home for treatment. When nits are discovered without the presence of live lice, parents will be notified and given two choices: 1) pick their child up straightaway or 2) have their child wear a school-provided shower cap and/or hat for the remainder of the day.

An affected child can return to preschool once a treatment has been done and the child is declared free and clear of both lice and nits. Treatments can be done by professionals who will guarantee their work or at home by a caregiver who closely follows the directions on the pharmacy package or other effective treatment program. For 7 days after a home treatment, children must come to the office for a head lice check before entering the classroom.

