



# Alexander Hosea Primary School

*'Roots to grow, wings to fly'*

## **Head lice Treatment Procedure**

The school acknowledges the unpleasantness, potential expense and inconvenience associated with head lice infestation and is sympathetic to the circumstances families find themselves in when infestation occurs.

We are aware that head lice infest people of all ages and not only children and are not a sign of dirty hair or poor hygiene.

It is our procedure to react to infestation within the school in such a way as to:-

1. Minimise the embarrassment, discomfort and potential stigmatisation of the infested person
2. Minimise the risk of infestation to other members of the school community.

To this end we remain vigilant and aware of the potential presence of head lice. We do not check children's hair for infestation but where infestation is noted, we always:-

1. Send a text to all parents in the affected class alerting them to the presence of infestation and advising on the need to check their child's hair and treat accordingly. If lice are discovered, please ensure the hair is clear before returning to school.

We make all reasonable efforts to be available to speak to parents who are distressed or confused by this matter or by our actions, but always maintain the position that the prime responsibility for the identification, treatment and prevention of head lice in a family has to lie with the parents. We advise parents to detection comb their children's hair about once a week.

We do not recommend specific drugs or preparations beyond conditioning and combing, but we do recommend that where infestation persists, parents should contact their GP.

Further information is available from <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits>.