

## **Head Lice Policy**

Crèche Cois Laoi wishes to outline roles and responsibilities for treating and controlling head lice in a consistent and coordinated manner.

Head lice are common in all situations where children gather. It is a problem that can be dealt with efficiently by taking direct and appropriate action. Early identification and treatment of head lice will minimize their spread.

### **Parents**

- It is generally recommended that children's hair is checked weekly for head lice
- If you discover your child has head lice, it is recommended that it is treated immediately and that you notify the Crèche service
- Parents may be asked to refrain from bringing their child to the crèche until the infection has been adequately treated with a head lice lotion and combed with a lice comb

### **Crèche**

- Crèche staff will treat any report of head lice sensitively and with a sympathetic attitude
- A letter will be given to parents of all children in the room notifying them of an outbreak of head lice in the room.
- A note and information sheet will be put on the room door advising parents what to look out for and how to deal with it.
- Crèche staff will check children's hair if they feel head lice may be present

**Staff will deal with any outbreak of head lice with the utmost discretion and confidentiality.**