

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our teachers perform head lice checks once a week and if a child is found to have live lice/nits we will call you immediately. Your child's teacher will also send a letter home to all parents whose children may have been exposed, so parents can do their own lice checks at home.

When you pick up your child a teacher will provide you with verbal and written information regarding the recommended procedures to treat a head lice infestation. Your child can return to the classroom after a *treatment has been done. Please remember all household members and other close family contacts of an infested person should be checked for head lice as well. All infested persons should be treated at the same time. Along with items at home, like:

- pillow cases and blankets,
- brushes and combs,
- stuffed animals,
- towels and hats.

***treatment** - means prescription or over-the-counter medicines and over-the-counter products (i.e. hair conditioner, etc.).
Do not use on a child under two yrs. old; you must consult with your child's physician first.

Anything that has come in contact with your families head in the last 48 hours should be washed in hot water and dried on high heat for 10 minutes or bagged for 2 weeks; teachers at school will do the same procedure. Please do not spend a lot of time and effort on house cleaning activities (vacuuming is recommended); live lice usually survive for less than a day once they are off the human body and their eggs usually die within a week.

If buying lice kits is a financial burden for your family, 'Promise' will supply you with our preferred non-chemical lice kit (i.e. hair conditioner and supplies) with instructions for your child, just please ask the teacher for one. If you need support in the home to do head checks on your child and yourself (example: many parents are single parents and have no one to provide support to them); staff in the health department are available to make a home visit or meet you in the classroom to provide support/resources for you to avoid a lice infestation.

We also have a lice removal tool called the Head Lice Vacuum (*pic below*) that we can use which allows us to remove live lice (not nits) without using chemicals/products.



Please outreach if you have any questions about our Head Lice Vacuum

Promise Early Education Center wants your child to have a great attendance and not miss any education for a condition that does not spread any diseases and is not considered a health hazard. Please remember, we are here to listen and support our families with any health condition/crisis, if needed.

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