**Head Lice Policy (EYFS September 2025)**

**Policy Statement:** At Little Acorns preschool, we are committed to maintaining a clean, healthy, and hygienic environment for all children in our care. This policy outlines our proactive approach to preventing and managing head lice infestations, safeguarding children's health and well-being.

**Prevention:**

* Promote regular head lice prevention education and awareness among staff, children, and parents.

**Identification:**

* Immediately and discreetly inform parents or legal guardians if lice or nits are detected.
* Follow local health authority guidelines for accurate identification and diagnosis.

**Confidentiality:**

* Maintain strict confidentiality regarding any child’s head lice infestation.
* Privately discuss infestations with parents, providing clear guidance.

**Parental Responsibility:**

* Clearly communicate parental responsibilities for prompt and effective treatment of infestations.

**Education and Awareness:**

* Offer ongoing educational resources to staff and parents and carers.
* Encourage regular home head checks and prompt notification if lice are found.

**Notification to Other Parents:**

* Discreetly inform all parents if an infestation occurs, providing guidance on prevention and checks.
* Maintain sensitivity to ensure privacy and dignity are preserved.

**Alignment with EYFS 2025 Changes:** This policy aligns with the EYFS 2025.

Signed: Chairperson  
Date: September 2025