

HEAD LICE FACTS

- Head lice are small wingless insects with 6 legs that cannot jump only crawl.
- Once mature, their life span is around a month.
- Over a period of up to 16 days' the female will lay around 130 eggs.
- Eggs are laid daily and hatch daily.
- Newly hatched lice could take up to a week to be noticed they will appear the size of a pin prick, can be extremely difficult to detect and can easily be mistaken as flakes of scalp.
- Whilst checking the hair poke flakes on the scalp with your comb if it moves it's alive.
- Eggs have a gestational period of around 7 days.
- Egg shells during their gestational period will appear with black dots inside, the larger the dot the nearer the louse is to hatching.
- Newly hatched lice will mature in around 18 days, then start breeding, the cycle starts again.
- Scientific research has proven that no product kills 100% of lice and eggs in one over the counter treatment.
- Unless you apply the treatment in the correct manner and all lice and eggs are removed following treatment, you will always find eggs hatching over the following few days and dependant on the treatment used you may also see reassembling adult lice.
- Head lice are a human parasite and use our blood as their food supply, away from the body they will perish however there is some speculation as to how long they live due to size of the louse and the time of its last feed.

