



## **Colour responsible policy**

Michelle Renée follow a Colour Responsible Policy for the safety and peace of mind of our clients.

### **SKIN TESTING AND SCREENING FOR SENSITIVITY AND REACTIONS**

We use testing and screening to check suitability for the colouring products we provide.

### **AAT (Allergy Alert Test)**

For your first AAT or if it is 6 months since your last AAT with Michelle Renée then please make an appointment to attend the salon at least 48 hours prior to your colour service. When you attend the salon for your AAT we will observe the test site area and ask you to complete a questionnaire. We will apply a small amount of colour formula to the inside of your elbow. Leave for 48 hours, should you experience any signs of irritation, reddening, swelling, inflammation or itching please contact us. If you develop symptoms that make you unwell please contact a medical professional.

Subsequent colour services may not require an AAT subject to screening questions. All our stylists have been trained to test and screen for suitability for colour services. We have vast experience in safe colouring – you can be sure we only use the best products and invest in the most up to date practices. We take your safety and our work seriously. When you visit Michelle Renée you can have peace of mind that we are taking the best care of you and your hair. We thank you for your co-operation in our preliminary procedures before your service with us.



## Skin testing Q&A

### **How long does an AAT take and how much does it cost?**

You will need an AAT appointment at least 48 hours before your colour appointment. It only takes 10 minutes in the salon and is a free test.

### **Why do I need a skintest?**

Reactions to hair colour can be serious and even life threatening. There are strict guidelines from manufacturers, insurers, industry bodies and the MHRA around using hair colour. We endeavour to give you peace of mind so that you can safely enjoy your visits to the salon.

### **Why don't you test me every time?**

We use screening to monitor the need for testing you before your service. If nothing has changed since your last test and we have a valid record (typically within the last 6 months) it will be OK to proceed with your service.

### **Examples of screening questions:**

Are you over 16 years old?

Have you ever had an Allergic reaction to hair colour?

Do you have a sensitive, irritated or damaged scalp?

Have you had any type of skin tattoo, including a temporary 'black henna' tattoo or permanent make-up since your last colour service?

Have you had any Allergic reaction to any products except hair colour since your last visit?

Do you have any changes to your skin, such as Dermatitis, Eczema, unusual or new marks?

Any change to your health i.e. medication/pregnancy since your last colour service?

*Please advise us of any changes*

### **I have been colouring my hair for years, why do I need a test?**

One of the triggers for sensitivity and reactions to hair colour is exposure over time, therefore it is important we keep monitoring for your safety. Michelle Renée are committed to your safety and use only the best products and methods for hair colouring.