



EYFS Biting Policy

Biting is usually a temporary condition which may happen between ages of thirteen and twenty-four months old.

The safety of the children at the nursery is our primary concern, and the school's biting policy addresses the actions the staff should follow if a biting incident occurs.

Children may bite other children for many different reasons. A child might be teething or overly tired and frustrated. They might be experimenting or trying to get the attention of the carer or their peers.

The Following actions are to be taken if a Biting Incident occurred in our school: -

- The biting will be interrupted with an explanation as to why we do not bite others.
- Staff will stay calm and will not overreact.
- The bitten child will be comforted. Staff will remove the biter from the situation. The biter will be given time out for thinking and an explanation on why their behaviour is not acceptable.
- The biter will be asked to say 'sorry' to the child they have bitten and made to understand where they had gone wrong.
- The wound of the bitten child shall be assessed and cold compress applied if needed and recorded on our accident form. The parents of both children will be notified in writing of the biting incident. Appropriate forms will be filled out and filed (Incident Report).
- Confidentiality of all children involved will be maintained.
- The bitten area should continue to be observed by parents and staff for signs of infection.
- The biter will be given appropriate activities and support from all staff to help monitor and ensure the continuation of positive behaviour.

Action to be taken:

- If biting occurs a second time, then parents will be invited in to discuss and draw up a positive personal behaviour plan.
- If biting occurs a third time, then an action plan will be drawn up with the help of the parents to best decide on how the child is to be gradually re-introduced to school.
- During this process the child will be extremely closely monitored by the staff.

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