



Biting Policy

Procedure

All Staff will adhere to the following procedures.

- * Approach the situation calmly.
- * A member of staff will comfort the child who has been bitten and administer any first aid treatment required (a cold compress to the affected area)
- * Another member of staff will deal with the child who has bitten and they will be told firmly that this is not acceptable behaviour in a way that is related to their age and understanding. The child will then be put on time out for a length of time that is suitable for their age e.g. 2 minutes if they 2 years old.
- * An incident form will be completed for both children and both sets of parents will be notified.
- * Staff are not permitted to disclose which child has bitten, as this breaks the confidentiality policy.
- * Where there are persistent incidents of biting, staff will be deployed effectively to reduce the number of incidents and will keep a diary on the child recording both positive and negative aspects of the child's day at nursery. We will then put in place additional measures to ensure all children are safe by one on one attention. If the situation

continues we may reduce the child's time in nursery. If we feel there are additional concerns we will take the necessary steps to ensure the child receives support from within the nursery and also (with parental permission) seek help from any outside agencies required.

* Staff are constantly assessing the provision in nursery to ensure children are stimulated and have adequate resources available, as this will reduce incidents of unacceptable behaviour.

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