



Biting Policy

In nursery staff will be advised to do the following:

- Approach the situation calmly
- A member of staff will comfort the child who has been bitten and administer any first aid treatment that is necessary – this is usually a cold compress to the affected area. We will contact parents should this be necessary.
- 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 and the child will be put on 'Time Out' for a length of time dependant on their age (for example 2 minutes if they are 2 years of age).
- An incident form will be completed for both children – both sets of parents/carers will be notified
- Staff are not allowed to disclose which child has bitten, this is confidential information
- Where there are persistent incidents of biting, staff will be deployed effectively in order to reduce the number of incidents and asked to keep a diary on the child focusing on both positive and negative aspects of the child's day in nursery. We will then put into place additional measures to ensure all children are safe in the room and this could be in the form of one on one attention & reducing the child's time in nursery if the biting does not improve. If we feel there are additional concerns around the child we will take the necessary steps to ensure that the child receives support from within the nursery and also (with parental permission) outside agencies whenever relevant.
- Staff are constantly assessing the provision in nursery to ensure children are stimulated and have adequate resources to promote and environment as this will reduce incidents of unwanted behaviour.