



Biting Policy

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Biting is a common behaviour some young children go through. This is part of some children's development and can be triggered when they do not have the words to communicate their anger/frustrations or needs. At playday we always follow our positive behaviour policy to promote positive behaviour.

Strategies to prevent biting include:

- Sensory activities and chewie's
- Meeting with parents.
- Incident logs
- Behaviour management profile.

The child who has been bitten will be comforted and checked for visual injuries, first aid will be administered when necessary and accident form will be completed and parents may be informed by telephone, if deemed appropriate.

The bitten area will be continued to be observed for signs of infection. For GDPR purposes and possible conflict, the name of the child who has bitten will not be disclosed. The child who has caused the bite, will be told in terms that they understand (age appropriate) that biting is unkind and will be asked to apologize to the child who has been bitten. An incident form will be required to be filled out by keyperson and signed by the parent of the child that has been bitten.

If the child continues to bite, observations will be carried out to distinguish a cause and meetings will be held with the child's parents, to develop new strategies. Parents will be advertised that this is a common part of a child development and not made to feel that it is their fault however we will recommend that the parents follow out strategies.

If a child or member of staff sustains a bite wound, where the skin has been broken, they may require urgent attention.

A risk assessment may be put in place following on the finding of the observations and parent meeting.

If biting still continues after all the intervention by the Nursery, we will be inviting Brighter Futures in to assess and aid us for next steps, which could include parent workshops, sensory interventions and suspension until the biting has ceased.