



Biting policy

Biting is a common behaviour that some young children go through. This is part of some children's development stage and where they do not yet have the words to communicate their anger, frustration or even affection. At Happy Days Day Nursery we follow our positive behaviour policy to promote positive behaviour at all times.

Strategies to prevent biting include; sensory activities, biting rings, adequate resources and a stimulating exciting environment. However in the event of a child being bitten the following procedure will be followed:

The child who has been bitten will be comforted and checked for any visual injury. First aid will be administered where necessary. An incident form will be completed and the parents will be informed on collection of their child. The bitten area will be continued to be observed for signs of infection.

For confidentiality purposes and possible conflict the name of the child who has bitten will not be disclosed to the parents.

The child who has caused the bite will be told in terms that they understand that biting (the behaviour and not the child) is unkind, and be shown that it makes staff and the

child who has been bitten sad. The child will be asked to say sorry if developmentally appropriate or show they are sorry, e.g. through hugging. An incident form will be completed and shared with the parents at the end of the child's session.

If a child continues to bite, observations will be carried out to try to distinguish a cause, e.g. tiredness or frustration. Meetings will be held with the child's parents to develop strategies to prevent the biting behaviour. Parents will be reassured that it is part of a child's development and not made to feel that it is their fault.

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