



Biting

Biting is a common behaviour that some children go through. This may be part of some children's development and can be triggered by a frustration or need the child may be unable to communicate.

Strategies to prevent biting include, sensory activities, biting rings and a stimulating environment.

At our Nurseries, we want to ensure that every child is safe while in our care.

Any child who has been bitten will be comforted and checked for injury, first aid will be administered where necessary, and an accident and incident form will be filled in.

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

The child who has bitten will be told that biting (the behaviour not the child) is unkind and shown that the bitten child is sad. The incident will be discussed with parents on collection.

If a child continues to bite, observations and shadowing will be carried out to try find the cause and meetings will be held with parents/carers to try developing a strategy to prevent these incidents.

If a bite breaks the skin medical attention will be needed to reduce risk of infection.

If the child who repeatedly bites have a special educational need which may be linked to the biting a risk assessment will be carried out.

We realise biting can be very upsetting for all those involved and promote positive behaviour throughout our nurseries; biting is not an easy fix and sometimes it may not be possible to prevent an incident as it only takes a few seconds. If a child becomes a repeated biter, we will do our utmost to find the trigger and help children find an acceptable way to resolve any issues and adapt the environment accordingly. We aim to limit any stress or upset to all those involved.

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