

Biting Policy

Policy statement

At Silverdawn Day Nursery we focus on our Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy focusing on the positives behaviour and working on improving the negative behaviour rather than outlining when the behaviour is evidenced. Biting is usually evidenced and usually common due to the lack of communication from an individual child displaying anger or frustration. We work hard to prevent bites from happening; however this cannot always be prevented and we use a variety of methods to help improve the situations which may arise.

Procedures

There are various strategies and methods in place to help prevent biting from happening; such as various resources and activities to help aid distraction; including sensory play and always having adequate staffing in place.

It is important that everyone follows the same methods when dealing with biting incidents for both the child who has been bitten and the child who has bitten. The child who has been bitten is comforted by a member of staff using the right cooling compress and an accident form is filled out; for the child who has bitten they are spoken to correctly at a level they understand.

We never disclose to a parent who has bitten their child for Safeguarding and confidentiality purposes; however if the child continues to bite it is important that close observations are made to help determine if there is a pattern to the behaviour being shown and discussions happen with the parents/ carers to help determine how we can prevent the biting.

Further guidance

- Special Educational Needs Code of Practice (DfES 2001)
- Reflecting on Behaviour (2010)

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On _____ *(date)*
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Name of signatory _____
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