

Finborough School - EYFS Biting Policy



Biting is usually a temporary condition that is most common between thirteen and twenty four months of age. The safety of the children in Pre Prep is our primary concern. The school biting policy addresses the actions the staff will take if a biting incident occurs.

Toddlers bite other toddlers for many reasons. A child might be teething or overly tired and frustrated. He or she might be experimenting or trying to get the attention of the carer or their peers.





The following steps will be taken if a biting incident occurs at our school:

- The biting will be interrupted with a firm “Nowe don’t bite people!”
- Staff will stay calm and will not overreact.
- The bitten child will be comforted. Staff will remove the biter from the situation. The biter will be given a ‘Time Out’ and an explanation on why their behaviour is not acceptable.
- The wound of the bitten child shall be assessed and cold compress applied if needed and recorded on ISAMS. The parents of both children will be notified in the writing of the biting incident. Appropriate forms will be filled out and filed.
- Confidentiality of all children involved will be maintained.
- The bitten area should continue to be observed by parents and staff for signs of infection. Parents will be asked to sign a form.
- The biter will be given appropriate activities and support from all staff to help monitor and ensure the continuation of positive behaviour.

Action to be taken:

- After the first biting incident, the parents of both children will be notified in writing of the biting incident. Appropriate forms will be filled out and filed.
- If biting occurs a second time then parents will be invited in to discuss and draw up a positive personal behaviour plan.
- If biting occurs a third time then the parents will be informed to come and collect the child immediately. Reintroduction to school will be through discussion of the parents and Head of Pre Prep.
- During this process the child will be extremely closely monitored by the staff.

Reason for Review/Amendments	Annual review August 2023
Details of changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy reviewed to ensure current legislation and practices are included. Policy updated with changes to staffing responsibilities.
Date of next review	Annual review August 2024 (EYFS Governance)

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