



Biting Policy

Children do the most adorable things: Give unexpected hugs, squeal with laughter, and cuddle up to you when they are tired. But as an parent of a toddler will tell you, they also do some not so adorable things, like kick, scream or bite. We understand that this is a difficult situation for parents whether it is the child that has been bitten or the child biting others.

Children bite for various reasons. Research lists down 3 main reasons:

Attention: When young children are in situations when they feel they are not receiving enough attention biting is a quick way of becoming the center of attention.

Frustration: Children can often be frustrated by a number of things; such as wanting to be independent, do things for themselves and not having a vocabulary to express themselves clearly.

Exploration: Young children explore the environment using their senses. The children do not always know the difference between chewing on a toy and biting someone. Children tend to put toys and new objects in their mouth, same thing happens when they socialize.

What does the nursery do?

- We understand that if the child has been bitten or bitten someone, this can be a very distressing for the parents hence they are welcome to speak to the staff about any concerns they may have in a calm manner.



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- The staff does not give any information about any other child in the nursery and cannot disclose who has bitten the child or who the child has bitten.
- Nurse will contact the parents of children involved in the incident and inform them.
- Nurse will administer medical care to the bite mark for hygiene and safety purpose.
- Any concerns or further discussion will be addressed by teachers and manager.

What happens if the child is bitten?

- The child should be comforted and reassured.
- The child will be taken to the nurse and the bite wound will then be washed and cleaned by the nurse with an antiseptic wipe.
- Parents of children involved in the incident will be contacted and informed. In case of repetitive biting parents will be contacted for a meeting to work together on the issue.



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