Policies and Procedures: Biting.

Biting can be an uncomfortable subject for both the parents of the biter and the parents of the child who has been bitten. Please do discuss any concerns you have regarding this issue. If before starting here your child is known to bite, please let me know before they start. If they begin biting at home, please inform me.

Children bite for a variety of reasons. This may be because they are teething, frustrated, exploring with their mouth, asserting their independence or they are stressed. It may also be to gain attention.

I will work with you and your child to establish why they are biting. I will observe the child closely and see if certain conditions/situations trigger the behaviour and then try and work with them to stop the incidents occurring.

If your child bites then I will remove them from the situation. I will explain to them in a way they understand that it is not acceptable behaviour. You will be informed on collection of the incident.

I will ensure if a child is bitten that they are comforted and given lots of attention. I will ensure that the correct first aid is given if necessary. You will be informed on collection of the incident, and in some circumstances via Signable.

Many children go through a stage of biting so please don't be alarmed or upset – it doesn't last forever!!

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