



St John's
School Billericay

E.Y.F.S Biting Policy

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Those Responsible: Mrs S. Revill – Head of Kindergarten

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Policy Statement

Biting is fairly common amongst young children and it is often one of the things that concerns adults the most. Biting is often very painful and frightening for the child who is bitten. It can also be frightening for the child who bites, because it upsets the other child and makes adults very upset. Biting can make the child who bites feel very powerful because of the strong reaction that it brings. It occurs for different reasons with different children and under different circumstances. The first step in learning to control it is to look at why it may be happening.

Procedures

- Parents of the child that is biting would be informed and the key person/teacher will have an initial discussion with the parent.
- Using the 'who, what, when and where' method to pinpoint the problem:
 - Who was involved?
 - What happened before or after?
 - How was the situation handled?
 - When did the biting occur?
 - Where did it happen?
- If all the above measures have been put in place and the child continues to bite, the parents will be invited to a meeting with the management team where further discussions will take place regarding what the parents are doing to help stop the child biting.
- In the rare case that the child continues biting, the child may be removed from the Nursery/School for a short period of time for the safety of the other children.
- Our policy is not to disclose the name of the child who does the biting, unless it is a sibling.

Advice will be given if it is needed regarding help from outside agencies e.g. Inclusion Officer, Health Visitor, GP.

Follow up advice

In the event of an incident of biting, the wound will be cleaned and the parent of the child who has been bitten will be contacted. If the skin has been broken, they will be advised to seek medical advice on any necessary precautionary steps.

It may also be the case that an adult receives a bite from a child. In this event they will be advised to clean the area and to seek medical advice if the skin has been broken. A record will be kept of the incident.