

1.13a Dealing with Biting

Policy Statement

At Magic Daycare Nurseries we aim to support and manage children's behaviour, biting is a stage of development that most children go through.

Biting incidents, which may occur, will be addressed and dealt with as effectively as possible.

- If a child bites another child the first steps are to comfort the child who has been bitten, however, in some incidents the child who has bitten may also need to be comforted as they may become upset from causing pain to another child
- The child who has bitten is to be spoken to in a firm tone of voice saying 'no' and explaining that they have caused hurt to another child
- The child's negative behaviour is ignored and their attention is redirected to an activity
- Each incident is to be recorded and the parent informed.

If the child continues to bite the following is to be implemented:

- Shadowing the child on a one-to-one basis
- On-going observations to identify triggers
- Once triggers have been identified an individual behavioural plan is to be written, which will be supported by the manager and the behaviour representative.

Parents will be informed after every incident verbally, if the above strategies have not reduced any incidents, a meeting will be held with all involved.