

BITING POLICY + BITING POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

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Biting is unfortunately not unexpected behavior for toddlers. Some children and many toddlers communicate through this behavior. However, biting can be harmful to other children and staff. This biting policy has been developed with both of these ideas in mind. Our goal is to help identify what is causing the biting and resolve these issues. If the issue cannot be resolved, this policy serves to protect the children that are bitten. If a biting incident occurs, state regulations require that the parent of the child biting and the parent of the child who was bitten be contacted. Names of the children are not shared with either parent.

When Biting Does Occur

Our staff strongly disapproves of biting. The staff's job is to keep the children safe and help a child that bites learn different, more appropriate behavior. We do not use techniques to alarm, hurt, or frighten children such as biting back or washing a child's mouth out with soap.

For the Child that was Bitten

1. First aid is given to the bite. It is cleaned with soap and water. If the skin is broken, the bite is covered with a bandage.
2. Parents are notified.
3. The "Accident Report" form is filled out documenting the incident.

For the Child that Bit

1. The teacher will firmly tell the child "NO! DO NOT BITE!"
2. The child will be placed in time out for no longer than the child's age per minute (one year=one minute).
3. The parents are notified
4. The "Parent Contact Form" is filled out documenting the incident

When Biting Continues

1. The child will be shadowed to help prevent any biting incidents
2. The child will be observed by the classroom staff to determine what is causing the child to bite (teething, communication, frustration, etc.). The administrative staff may also observe the child if the classroom staff is unable to determine the cause.
3. The child will be given positive attention and approval for positive behavior.

I, _____, hereby acknowledge receipt of Freedom Preschool's Biting Policy.

Signature _____ Date _____