



# **Kesh Community Nursery**

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## **Biting Policy**

**Adopted by the Board of Governors on:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Biting can be common in young children and as nursery practitioners we understand that there are a number of factors that can cause biting.

A record of all biting incidents are recorded in the Incident Report File, signed by the staff member who witnessed the incident, and another staff witness if appropriate.

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We will

- \*intervene as soon as possible to stop the child harming other children.
- \*explain to the child that they must not bite using visual cues if necessary.
- \*use language that is developmentally age appropriate.
- \* give attention and comfort to the child who has been bitten before helping the child who has bitten, ideally with correct staff ratio we will see to both children simultaneously.
- \* We will explain to the child who bites he/she hurt the other children and gain an apology for their actions.
- \* Both sets of parents will be contacted by Mrs Read by telephone. When children have been bitten, we share what has happened with their parents, explaining the incident has been dealt with appropriately with the child and his/her parent.

If a child shows an ongoing pattern of biting we develop specific strategies, techniques and timelines to address this and discuss these strategies with the parent/carer including the possible need to remove the child from the setting from the day if this is recurring.

We do not label children who have bitten, but address the behaviour they have used.

### **PROCEDURE FOR FIRST AID IN THIS INSTANCE:**

An antiseptic wipe will be used on the area that the child has been bitten, should the skin be broken. The wound will be checked and the child comforted.

**If a bite is bleeding,**

#### **1. Stop Bleeding**

- Apply firm, direct pressure with sterile gauze until bleeding stops.

## 2. Clean and Protect

- Clean the wound with water.
- Cover the wound with a gauze or bandage.
  
- Immediately contact parents/carer to inform them and to discuss if they want to have it checked out by medical professional.
- Complete Incident report form