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BITING POLICY

Policy Statement

Biting is a behaviour that may occur in young children as part of their development, particularly when children are unable to communicate their needs, emotions or frustrations verbally. Oakbridge Little Learners is committed to managing biting incidents in a **calm, consistent and supportive manner**, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Responding to a Biting Incident

Child Who Has Been Bitten

- The child will be comforted and reassured immediately
- The area will be checked for injury and **first aid administered where required**
- An **Accident Record** will be completed
- Parents/carers will be informed on the same day and asked to sign the record
- Parents/carers will be contacted by telephone immediately if the injury is more significant
- If a bite breaks the skin, the setting will require parents/carers to seek medical advice as soon as possible, in line with NHS guidance, due to the risk of infection from human bites.

Confidentiality

For reasons of confidentiality and to prevent conflict, the identity of the child who bit will **not be disclosed** to the parents/carers of the injured child.



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Child Who Has Bitten

- Staff will respond calmly and explain, in age-appropriate language, that biting is not acceptable
 - The behaviour will be addressed **without blaming or shaming the child**
 - An **Incident Record** will be completed and shared with the child's parents/carers at the end of the session
 - All incidents will be monitored to identify patterns and inform preventative strategies.
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Ongoing Biting Behaviour

If biting continues:

- Observations will be carried out to identify possible triggers such as tiredness, frustration or environmental factors
 - Staff will work in partnership with parents/carers to agree consistent strategies
 - Parents/carers will be reassured that biting can be a developmental phase and that support will be offered
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Infection Control

If a bite **breaks the skin**:

- Staff will follow appropriate hygiene procedures, including the use of gloves and cleaning of the affected area, to minimise risk of infection.
- Appropriate first aid will be administered
- Parents/carers of both children will be informed



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Inclusion and SEND

Where a child has a **special educational need or disability** that may contribute to biting behaviour, the nursery will:

- Work closely with parents/carers
 - Adapt strategies to meet the child's individual needs
 - Seek advice from relevant professionals where appropriate, with parental consent
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Exceptional Circumstances

In rare cases where biting behaviour presents an **immediate risk** to the child or others, parents/carers may be contacted to support the child's safety and wellbeing. Any such decision will be taken sensitively and in line with the nursery's **Behaviour Management Policy**.

Policy Review

This policy is reviewed regularly to ensure it reflects current legislation and best practice.

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