



# St. Elizabeth's Nursery

## Biting Procedure

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The safety of the children at the Nursery is our primary concern. Biting is usually a temporary condition that is most common between thirteen and twenty four months of age.

The following procedure outlines the actions that will be taken if such an incident occurs:

- Staff will remove the biter from the situation.
- Staff will stay calm and will not overreact.
- The bitten child will be comforted and the injury treated.
- The biter will be asked to explain his/her actions.
- The biter will be told that their behaviour is not acceptable: "We don't bite".
- The biter will be asked to say sorry.
- An Incident Report will be filled out and given to both sets of parents. Copies will be filed.
- The biter's behaviour will be monitored.
- If the biter bites for a second time, the parents will be invited in to the Nursery to discuss the incidences and draw up a positive personal behaviour plan.
- If the biter bites for a third time, the parents will be called to collect the child from the Nursery and asked to keep him/her at home for the remainder of the session. The positive personal behaviour plan will need to be modified and the child closely monitored.

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