

Kiddies Campus Policies and Practices

Policy Name: BITING POLICY

Trigger Event(s):

A child is biting another child or has been bitten.

Rationale:

The well-being of all children is paramount. While we recognise that biting is a normal part of young children's development, consistency in behaviour management is essential to reduce this particular behaviour.

Te Whariki:

Goal 2 – Communication: Children experience an environment in which they develop verbal communication skills for a range of purposes.

Goal 3 – Well-being: Children experience an environment where they are kept safe from harm.

Recommended Procedure:

- Parents will **always** be informed by phone, text or on pick up if their child has bitten a child or was bitten by another. This will be done by Head Teacher or Person Responsible
- Teachers will **NOT** supply the name of any other child involved.
- When a child is bitten, it will be documented in the accident book.
- When a child bites someone else, our Behaviour Management Policy is to be followed. The teacher's attention is focused on the child who has been bitten, caring for them to ensure they receive the appropriate care and treatment.
- Teachers will help children who have been bitten to increase their skills of assertiveness.
- The child who has bitten is told firmly that such behaviour is not acceptable and are encouraged to use words to communicate their feelings. When a child is constantly biting, a specific behaviour management strategy will be developed by the teachers and Head Teacher and discussed with the child's parents.
- All teachers, both permanent and casual, will be made aware of the Behaviour Management Policy for biting.
- Parents will be reassured that biting is a normal behaviour in young children and everything possible is done to reduce its occurrence in the centre.
- Children who bite will not be excluded from our programme.
- However, if the behaviour continues and the situation becomes unsafe for other children, we will contact the parents/caregiver to come and collect the child.
- If the specific behaviour management strategy written by our teachers/Head Teacher fails to reduce biting, outside help will be sought from specialist education/medical services.
- The Licensee reserves the right to exclude the child from Kiddies Campus.

Policy Reference Information:

DOP 5(A)

Education (Early Childhood Centres) Regulations 2008

Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

Kiddies Campus "Behaviour Management Policy"