



# Worstead Pre-school

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## MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WHO BITE POLICY

At Worstead Preschool we recognise that small children for a variety of reasons may attempt to bite others / might bite others.

There are a range of reasons for this happening such as, communication, development, teething, frustration, and illness, staff will endeavour to prevent this from happening and stop any incidents but due to the speed and spontaneity this is not always possible.

Being bitten can be a painful and frightening experience for all involved and the staff at Worstead preschool will console both. Staff will try and understand the reasoning for the incident and put some strategies in place to try and stop it from happening again.

### Reporting Bites

- If a child has bitten another child or a member of staff, an accident form will be completed, and a copy given to the parents of the recipient (child who has been bitten).

On the accident form the date, time, and location of the bite is recorded.

Due to the severity of the bite staff will determine if parents are contacted and if any further action is needed.

### Children who have been bitten

- Staff will comfort the child
- Staff will check for any areas of injury
- If a child's skin is broken the wound will be left to bleed gently before being cleaned with warm water.
- Dress the area if needed
- Both parents of the bitten and the biter will be informed
- If a bite has happened with no staff witnesses the area will be checked for signs of injury

### Children who bite

- Staff will speak with the child in a calm manner using positive language
- Check the child has not also been injured
- Staff will explain that biting hurts
- Staff will inform parents to discuss the incident
- Staff will observe behaviours and intervene if it happens again
- If biting continues a staff member will be asked to shadow the child to help prevent further incidents and see if there is a trigger to the behaviour.

### Staff who have been bitten

- Check for visible signs of injury
- If the skin is broken the wound will be left to bleed gently before being cleaned with warm water.
- Dress the area if needed
- An accident form will be completed, and parents informed.

### Blood born virus

If a child or adult on the preschool premises has a blood born virus such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV the preschool must be informed by answering the medical questions on the registration documents.

If the skin is broken from a bite a tetanus injection may be advised.