



Biting Policy

Effective March 5, 2024

Biting is not uncommon among toddlers, who may use it to communicate. It can also hurt other children and staff. Our goal is to identify what is causing the biting, help the child learn a safer way to communicate, and protect the children in our care.

Our staff do not allow biting. They respond to each incident and help the child who bit learn more appropriate behavior.

When biting occurs

For the child who was bitten

1. The teacher will comfort the child and provide first aid. The area will be cleaned with soap and water, a cool cloth will be provided, and the area will be covered with a bandage if needed.
2. The teacher will immediately notify office staff.
3. An Incident Report will be completed.
4. Parents may request a conference with the Director to discuss concerns or questions.

For the child who bit

1. The teacher will firmly tell the child, "We do not bite," and help the child understand that biting hurt their friend.
2. The child will be removed from the situation.
3. A Biting Report will be completed.

When biting continues

1. The teacher will closely shadow the child to help prevent further biting.
2. Classroom staff will observe the child to identify possible causes, such as teething, difficulty communicating, or frustration. The Director may also observe if needed.
3. The child will receive positive attention and encouragement for positive behavior.
4. An appropriate teething ring or teething toy will be provided when needed.
5. The Director will ensure teachers have the resources and training needed to keep children active and engaged in supervised activities.
6. The Director will review the biting log, suggest strategies to the family and teacher, provide parents with helpful information, and determine whether staff need additional training.
7. The Director will schedule a conference with the child's parents to develop a plan for home and the center.



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When biting becomes excessive

1. After staff have tried preventive steps, if the child continues to bite routinely, the Director will call a parent to pick up the child for the remainder of the day. Chronic biting may result in a temporary suspension from enrollment. If the child is suspended, the parent will be informed that the child may return when the biting has abated.
2. If the child returns, continues to bite, and endangers other children, enrollment may be terminated.

Our goal is to keep all children safe. Dismissal from care is a last resort.

Effective date

This policy took effect March 5, 2024. Biting incidents before that date are not counted under this policy. Incidents from that date forward are counted toward a child's total biting incidents.

Parent or guardian acknowledgment

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to the Brite Beginnings Childcare Center Biting Policy.

Child's name

Parent/guardian name

Parent/guardian signature

Date
