

BITING POLICY

As with all negative behaviour we follow our behaviour policy when handling it. Though, Ramas Daycare incorporates a policy to prevent biting, which includes the following:

- Supervising the children at all times
- Exchanging information with parents and practitioners e.g. useful information such as teething
- If a child bites another child, the child who has been bitten will be comforted and appropriate first aid will be carried out. The child who has been bitten will be the priority and should be comforted and given reassurance.
- Once the child is calm staff should check for any visual injury. If there is a bite mark, this should then be washed with warm soapy water and wiped with an antiseptic wipe. Staff will explain to the child what is happening and support the child as this process may be painful.
- If bite breaks skin the setting will advise parents to seek medical advice
- The staff member who witnessed the incident should complete an Incident Form for all children involved.
- The Nursery Manager must be informed of all biting incidents.
- After a period of time the setting may need to take additional action, which could include seeking extra information or advice from other professionals e.g., health visitors
- The child who bit will be removed from the situation and explained that biting is unacceptable behaviour and the nursery will then act in accordance with the behaviour policy.

If problems persist both parties can discuss the matter in private and maintain confidentiality at all times.