

Biting Policy AMENDMENT

9.5 BITING

Biting is a normal state of development that is common among infants and toddlers and sometimes even among preschoolers. It is something that most young children will try at least once.

When biting happens, our response will be to care for and help the child who was bitten and to help the biter learn a more appropriate behavior. Our focus will not be on punishment for biting, but on effective behaviors that address the specific reason for biting.

Notes will be written to the family of the child who was bitten and the biter's family. We will work together with the families of each to keep them informed and to develop strategies for change.

If a child bites more than twice in one day or bites severely enough to break the skin, the parents will be called to pick up their child for the day.

If biting behavior does not stop, the parents of the child will be asked to find alternative care until the biting phase passes.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understood this statement and have received a copy. I understand that Holy Family Child Care & Development Center, Inc. reserves the right to change, modify and/or delete any of the policies at any time.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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