

## **St Mary's Playgroup**

### Biting policy

First and foremost we recognise the controversy surrounding the issues of biting.

At St Mary's Playgroup biting is not tolerated but is recognised as developmental phases that some children pass through.

If upon starting at this setting you are aware of your child's tendencies to bite other children, this must be disclosed to us, as it will enable positive behaviour strategies to be put into place.

There are many reasons why a child begins to bite other children, such as teething, mouth exploration, frustration or the feeling of being stressed due not be able to express themselves adequately.

While this is not acceptable from an adult point of view because of the hurt it can cause to another child, it must be acknowledged that the 'biters' are also victims of their frustration and measure can be put in place to help that child deal with these.

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