

## Trinity Preschool- Biting Policy

### Our Approach

- At Trinity Preschool, the safety and well-being of all children are our priority.
- We recognize biting can occur for reasons, such as teething, frustration, or limited verbal skills.

### When a Bite Happens

For the child bitten:

- Comfort and care are provided immediately.
- The area is cleaned, and ice or bandages are applied if needed.
- Parents are notified the same day.
- An incident report is completed and kept on file.

For the child who bit:

- A calm, firm reminder: "We do not bite".
- Redirection to another activity.
- Encouragement to show kindness or empathy when appropriate.
- Parents are notified, and an incident report is filed.

### Prevention Strategies

- Supervise closely if a child has a history of biting.
- Identify and reduce triggers (e.g., fatigue, overstimulation)
- Provide safe teething toys and plenty of engaging activities.
- Praise positive behavior consistently.

### Repeated Biting

If biting becomes a pattern:

1. First bite: The parents of both the child who is bitten and the child who bites are contacted.
2. Two bites (or attempted bites): The child will be removed from the classroom and sent home for the remainder of the day. A parent-teacher conference will be scheduled, and a behavior plan will be implemented.
3. Three or more bites (or attempted bites): The child will stay home from preschool while the committee meets to review and modify the behavior plan to address the issue. The time away from school will be determined by the preschool committee.

Continued biting (or attempted biting) beyond what is outlined above may result in extended leave or dismissal from Trinity Preschool. The preschool committee will make the final decision regarding extended leave or dismissal from preschool.

### Other disruptive behaviors

Trinity Preschool reserves the right to use the procedure above to address other harmful or disruptive behaviors as needed.

We strongly commit to working in partnership with families to support healthy social-emotional development.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping Trinity Preschool a safe, loving environment for all children.