



Fatima Tricha Payan Large Family Child Care Home (“LFCCH”)

Biting Policy Form

Biting is a normal characteristic during the early stages of development in young children. In infants, biting is often associated with teething. In toddlers and preschoolers, biting usually happens when language skills are not developed enough for adequate expression. During these stages of development, children bite for different reasons: sensory exploration, excitement, intense desire for an activity and crowding of one’s personal space. Even though this behavior is developmentally understandable, it is still very unsettling for parents, teachers, and children when it happens. Biting is not something to blame on children, parents, or teachers. Instead, it is a behavior that all parties need to work toward stopping.

In accordance with the Montessori philosophy, our program provides an environment that encourages peer conflicts resolution, safety, grace, and courtesy: Use of words, respect, and cooperation. Our teachers help students understand the cause and effects of their behavior. In the case of biting, the child will be offered options and guidance to resolve his/her conflicts and frustration.

Due to health and safety concerns, biting is always taken seriously. The following is an outline of our policy for handling a biting incident.

- The offender will be immediately removed from the group with a firm NO and told that biting is not okay, it hurts. Then s/he will be sent to reflect on it.
- The offended will be immediately reassured and taken to wash the affected area with soap and water.
- If necessary, ice will be applied to reduce any swelling or bruising.
- Should the wound require immediate medical attention, appropriate action will be taken, and parents will be notified immediately.
- Immunizations of both children will be checked to make sure they are up to date.
- An Accident reported form will be filled out and signed by the parents.
- Both sets of parents will be contacted via phone call or text.
- The name of the offender will not be released to the offended’s parents.
- Staff and owner will confer to review the context of the biting incident. Every effort will be made to prevent further biting behavior.
- If changes are needed, they will be implemented in the best interest of the whole group. Every effort will be made to address and support both the offender’s family and the families in the students and staff community.
- If every effort and resources used to stop this behavior are unsuccessful, we will consider asking the family to leave.

Child’s Name:

Parent or Guardian’s Signature:

Date: