

Dor Hadash Early Childhood Educational Center

Biting Policy

Even though biting is a perfectly normal stage of development during childhood, it is required by the NJ Child Care Licensing Dept. that our school maintain a safe and healthy environment for all children in our care.

Biting occurs for many reasons whether it is teething, a lack of language, frustration, attention getting, being overly tired or simply just trying to get a reaction from someone.

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Biting Policy on biting is as follows:

- If your child bites 2 times (as long as the skin on the other person is not broken) on any one day then your child will be sent home for the remainder of that day.
- If at any time the skin is broken due to a bite then the child will be asked to go home immediately.
- If the biting continues and is severe to a point that it becomes necessary to send the child home on a daily basis or is adding undue stress on the other children or the environment it may become necessary to terminate the child care arrangements.

This would definitely be a last resort, and we will do everything possible to prevent it.

Some steps that Dor Hadash Early Childhood Educational Center takes to minimize biting in the school are:

- Shadow the biter so that he is she is always near the providers or within arms reach.
- Provide lots of language such as :Biting hurts, we use our teeth for food..
- Provide frozen teething rings for those who need something to chew on.
- Provide supportive information to parents who are worried about their child biting and offer suggestions of how to stop the biting habit.

We appreciate your cooperation in maintaining the safety of your children.

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Director