

Aley Christian Academy
Biting Policy

Dear Parent/Guardian,

A child biting other children is one of the most common and most difficult behaviors found within a classroom setting. Biting is difficult to defend against, and it can provoke strong emotional responses in the biter, the victim, the parents and the caregivers involved.

It is our goal to recognize triggers that cause biting and redirect a child before the incident occurs. If we see that a particular child has a tendency to bite we will shadow this particular child, and since we know that biting is unpreventable, below is our plan of action when/if the incident occurs:

- We will attend to the bitten child by comforting them and then cleaning the bitten area with soap and water and ice will be applied.
- The child who did the biting will be removed from the setting and in an age appropriate manner we will explain that the behavior was unacceptable: (ex. "Biting hurts!" or "No biting!").
- The incident will be documented for both families involved. These forms will need to be signed to be kept in the child's file. Please understand that we are not allowed to disclose the name of the child who is responsible for biting.

Even though we understand that biting in young children is typical in normal early childhood development, it is our responsibility to ensure the health and safety of each child entrusted in our care. With that if your child bites or begins to bite, you will be contacted for immediate pick up, of your child, if the following incidents' occur:

- If the child has bitten another child breaking the skin open.
- If the child has bitten more than once in a day.
- If the child has bitten more than once in a week.
- After 3 or more incidents' with biting the child will be suspended for a week.
- If another incident should occur after returning from the week of suspension child care services will no longer be available.

Please note that we can only hope that you understand that this type of behavior is unfair to the other parents and children who are on the receiving end. If child care is terminated, re-enrollment will be considered once the biting phase has passed.

Thank you.

Aley Child Development Center
Biting Policy

I have read through and understand Aley Child Development Center's policy on "biting".

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Child's Name: _____
