

Biting Policy and Procedures

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Our vision - Dream, believe, achieve

At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we aim to provide opportunity for all our children to develop resilience, self-belief and aspirations to achieve. These beliefs form our vision which shapes all aspects of school life.

Resilience, Aspiration, Achievements and self-belief are the golden threads that prepare our children to become the positive citizens of the future.

At Landau Forte academy Moorhead we aim, through inspirational teaching, to provide a safe and nurturing learning environment where children are confident to take risks.

We are ambitious for all, embedding the self-belief that anything is possible.

We inspire and motivate learners to achieve by expanding their experiences of the world around them.
We are proud to work in partnership with our community and together we challenge ourselves to achieve more.

Rationale

At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we understand that biting can be an uncomfortable subject for parents of both the perpetrator and the child who has been bitten. At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we will take all incidents of biting seriously and deal with the issues sensitively and by following this policy and procedures.

Implementation of Policy

At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we will deal with incidents of biting by implementing the following procedures:

- We will discuss any concerns about a child biting with their parent or carer immediately. Parents are encouraged to discuss any issues they may have regarding this issue with their child's keyworker.

- Landau Forte Academy Moorhead respectfully asks parents to inform the school if they aware their child is prone to biting other children.
- The school understands that children bite for a range of reasons and is often a sign of an underlying medical issue or frustration. Biting may be caused by teething, a demonstration of frustration and children exploring their mouth.
- At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we will work with you and your child to establish the reasons that trigger the biting and deal with underlying issues.
- The school will adopt a range of strategies to try and prevent biting which could involve; one to one attention, changing routines or purchasing teething rings.
- At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead staff members will ensure that if a child is bitten they receive immediate First Aid and comforted until they are ready to return to the classroom. Staff members will ensure that any first aid is applied correctly if required and the incident will be recorded and copied to the parents or carers concerned.
- If your child is the perpetrator of the biting they will be removed from the situation. A member of staff will explain to them, if appropriate and understanding that biting is unacceptable behaviour.
- Children may need to be excluded from an activity by using the 'time out' strategy until they are calm enough to return to the session. Children will be encouraged to apologise to the child they have bitten.
- Biting is a stage most children go through and is a normal behavior in a child's development. At Landau Forte Academy Moorhead we will never 'demonise' children who bite and will take all necessary steps to rectify the behaviour.