



mysmile is a quality mark awarded to settings which fully implement the four steps to provide a tooth friendly environment for the children they care for.

Why is it needed?

24.7% of five year olds in Bedford have tooth decay and in Central Bedfordshire **14.5%***

Aside from pain, distress, dental treatment, limitations in eating and lower self confidence, tooth decay leads a number of very young children each year to the operating theatre for dental extractions.

** National Dental Epidemiology Programme for England:
oral health survey of five-year-old children 2020.
Public Health England*



How it works

Once registered onto the programme, it is advised that the training element is carried out first to give the teams a better understanding of oral health.

The setting must work through the four steps to ensure they fulfil each requirement.

Evidence must be submitted to the **mysmile** team to show that the requirements are in place by the deadline.

The **mysmile** team can provide support wherever it is needed to successfully implement the steps. This may include a virtual visit (i.e. via mobile phones) where possible.

A certificate is awarded to settings that have the steps embedded into their everyday practice. The accreditation is valid until 2021/22.

The mysmile calendar 2020-2021	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
	Registration	Online training via MS Teams			Evidence collection	Final call for evidence	Award review meetings
		Implement the steps & submit evidence				Award accreditations	