



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?

37.7% of five year olds in Peterborough have tooth decay and in Cambridgehire **16.7%***

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 |
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| | Registration | Online training via MS Teams | | | Evidence collection | Final call for evidence | Award review meetings |
| | | Implement the steps & submit evidence | | | | Award accreditations | |