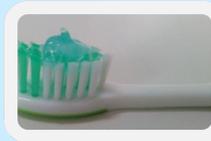


Top tips for your family

- Brush teeth at least twice a day, as soon as the very first tooth begins to appear!
- Brushing at bedtime each day is the most important time
- Ensure you use a fluoride toothpaste, with at least 1000ppm fluoride in the following quantities:



A smear for 0-3 years
(or those who cannot
spit out)



Pea sized blob for 3-6
year olds (or those who
are able to spit out)

- When finished brushing don't rinse out with water - just spit out the foam
- Keep sugary foods and drinks to mealtimes only

For further information about this service, please contact:

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If you have any compliments about this service or suggestions for improvements, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 0300 131 1000 (charges may apply depending on your network) or email: ccs-tr.pals@nhs.net. For free, confidential health advice and information 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, please contact NHS 111.

mysmile

oral health award for early years

Information for
parents and carers

What is My Smile?

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

Once achieved, a certificate is awarded to the successful settings and their accreditation is valid for two years.

The My Smile team provide training and support to early years staff wherever it is needed to successfully implement the steps.

How will my child's setting work towards this accreditation?

1. Strengthen teeth

The children will brush their teeth in the setting once a day.*

*Consent forms will need to be signed for children to participate. This does not replace the usual twice daily brushing at home!

2. Provide a tooth-friendly diet

Snacks and drinks will be tooth friendly and celebration foods will have a savoury or non food focus.

3. Promote dental visits

Your child's setting will conduct a survey to identify how many children have been to the dentist and actively encourage families to visit the dentist regularly for check ups.

4. Share oral health information

Oral health and supervised toothbrushing training will be delivered to staff by the My Smile team.

How will my child and family benefit from My Smile?



- Better toothbrushing at home
- Willing to try more fruits and vegetables
- Building good toothbrushing skills
- Lessening the impact of sugar on the teeth
- Instilling good healthy habits
- You will be reminded of how important it is to visit the dentist regularly
- Extra toothbrushing with fluoride toothpaste to strengthen teeth
- Less likely to need dental treatment