



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth

16th October 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been offered an excellent opportunity to take part in a new NHS funded pilot scheme similar to the Starting Well: A Smile4Life Initiative. This programme of dental practice-based initiatives aims to introduce young children and their carers to good oral health and dental care as well as providing easy access to dental care.

We are able to offer checks in school through the Corfe Mullen Dental Surgery on October 31st. One of their dentists and nurses will come in to the classroom to give a short talk about oral health and provide the children with toothpastes, toothbrushes and timers.

The dental team will also discuss brushing technique and healthy eating habits in addition to assessing your child's oral health using a quick scan with a mirror and torch. Parents/carers of children with cavities or in need of treatment will be informed and be offered the address of a local dental practice for treatment and preventative advice. Although the Corfe Mullen Dental Surgery is currently closed to NHS adult patients there will be a concession to take any St Mary's Foundation Stage pupils and families for treatment should you chose to.

Children will also be offered preventative fluoride application if you chose to take it.

As part of this service the children will receive a further oral health check in 6 months' time. Tooth decay is the most common oral disease affecting children in England yet it is largely preventable. Let's help give our children a healthy smile ☺. Please return the consent form below to the school office by Monday 29th October 2018.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs H Armstrong
Headteacher

Reply slip – F2 Oral Health Check – Please return to the school office by 29th October

Child's Name:

Class:

I give consent for my child to have an oral health check in school

YES/NO

I give consent for my child to have a concentrated fluoride paste applied to his/her teeth

YES/NO

(This is a non-invasive procedure).

Signed (parent/carers)

Date:

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