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Dear Parent/Guardian

5-Year-Old Children Dental Health Survey 2023/24 (Office for Health Improvement & Disparities)

Please will you help with a survey of child dental health?

Dental health is important to your child's quality of life and every effort is being made to provide the best possible dental service.

We are asking parents of 5-year-old children to agree to them taking part in this national survey. There is more information on the enclosed sheets but, in short, you are being asked to sign the form over the page and return it to school to show you agree to your child having a very quick examination of their teeth in school. This is to collect information about whether dental health is improving in this age group and to allow different areas to be compared.

We aim to plan better dental services by looking at the teeth of groups of 5-year-old children every four years. We can then compare dental health in different parts of the Teesside area with results we found from previous surveys and compare these to other areas in England.

Please give your consent to your child taking part in this year's survey by signing the form over the page and returning it to your child's school. The survey is planned to take place in the next few weeks.

The children taking part will have a simple examination at their school with a dentist and dental nurse who are trained to do this work. The children will lie on a soft mat on a table. The dentist will use fresh disposable gloves and sterilised mirrors for each child. The check only takes a few minutes and we will let you know if we find anything wrong.

No treatment will be provided, just a quick examination. All children still need to visit their own dentist for regular check-ups.

As part of the survey we will be asking the school to share some information they already have, including date of birth, home postcode and ethnic group. The information about your child will be anonymised, stored in a computer file which will be password protected and only dental staff and Office for Health Improvement & Disparities/authorised users will have access to it.

Thank you for reading the information sheet. If you have any questions around the survey, please contact 01642 383831.

Yours sincerely

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National Dental Survey, 2023 to 2024



I have read and understood the information for parents and persons with parental responsibility



I agree to my child having a dental check as part of the national dental survey 2023 to 2024

Child's name: _____

Child's date of birth: _____

Child's home postcode: _____

Additional fields to record ethnicity or other data, may be added here if this cannot be sourced from the school.

Name of parent or person with parental responsibility: _____

Signature of parent or person with parental responsibility: _____

Date: _____

Please return this form to your child's school. Thank you.