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Dear Parents/Carers,

Dental examination of 5-year-old children in Reception and Year 1

KCC will be carrying out a dental survey of 5-year-old children across Thanet, Gravesham, Dartford and Swale districts and your child's school has been selected to take part. We are asking parents/carers who have a child aged 5 if they agree to their child having a brief dental check (examination) at their school, to take place during Terms 5-6 (May – July 2022). If your child is already aged 6, or if they won't become 5 until after 25th July 2022, there is no need to respond.

Why is the survey taking place?

The survey takes place every two years and enables us to collect information on the health of children's teeth and mouths (their oral health), so that we can best support children and families with their oral health.

What is involved?

The survey is being carried out by Kent Community Health Foundation Trust (KCHFT), who will be visiting your child's school before the end of July 2022. The dental team will carry out a brief examination of your child's mouth and teeth. No treatment will be given, and your child will not be forced to have a check if they don't want to on the day.

This check does not replace your child's regular dental appointments and you should still continue with these. The dental check will be carried out following advice that aligns with national and local infection prevention and control guidance.



To show children, parents and those with parental responsibility what happens at the visit, UK Health Security Agency has developed a short video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzrjK8HRpD8.

What do I need to do?

To give permission for your child to take part in the survey and receive a dental examination at school, please visit the following link:

[Dental epidemiology survey of 5-year-old children | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk)

You will be asked to complete some personal information about your child, including their name, sex, date of birth, postcode and ethnicity. These details will be linked to your child's dental check so that we can understand patterns of dental health in children. We will also invite you to share a preferred telephone number if you choose, so that the KCHFT Dental Team can contact you to offer advice and support if there are any concerns identified during the check.

For more information about how we collect, use and may share your personal data in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), please see our Privacy Policy <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/informationand-data/access-to-information/gdpr-privacy-notice/adult-social-care-andhealth>.

What happens next?

The KCHFT dental team will be arranging a date to visit your child's school before the end of July 2022. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact us at kentchft.oralhealthkent@nhs.net.

Thank you in advance for your support,

Yours sincerely

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