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Dear Parents and Carers,

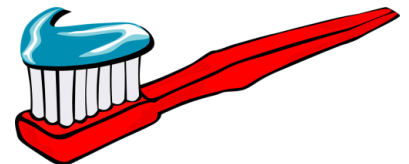
Did you know that oral health is now a standard part of the Early Years Framework? This is because good oral health habits need to be formed from the earliest age. Tooth decay is largely preventable, but it's still a serious problem among young children.

Nearly a quarter of 5 year olds in England have tooth decay, with 3 or 4 teeth affected on average. Tooth extraction is one of the most common procedures for children under 6 in hospital. Extraction is also the most common reason for hospital admission for children aged 6 to 10.

Children who have toothache, or need treatment, may have pain or infections. This can have a wider effect and lead to problems eating, sleeping, socialising and learning.

To keep your child's mouth healthy, it is important to follow advice on good diet and eating habits, attend the dentist regularly and encourage a regular routine of good brushing using fluoride toothpaste.

The children attending our Foundation unit are all taught about oral hygiene and good tooth brushing habits. Each child has their own toothbrush, which is stored under hygienic conditions. All children are closely supervised while brushing their teeth by trained staff.



We require your consent to undertake brushing activities, using a fluoride toothpaste on your child's teeth. Please follow this link, to provide your consent by Friday 5th May.

<https://forms.office.com/e/7HF4ECxXz0>

Kindest Regards,

Mrs K. Dyball
Early Years Leader

Mrs C. Grant
Nursery Teacher

