

Dear Parent/Guardian

Dental Health Survey of Children and Young People 2013

Your child's school has agreed to take part in a survey of children's dental health being carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

.....has been selected to have a short, five minute dental check-up with a dentist at school, during school time. The check-up will take place in the next few weeks. The dentist will not carry out any treatment, but will simply look at your child's teeth.

After the check-up, we will send you some feedback on your child's oral health. You will also be sent a questionnaire, so you can tell us your views on your child's dental health and on your local dental services. The survey results will be used to help plan better dental services for the future.

We need to include children from all backgrounds, whether or not they go to the dentist. If you are happy for your child to take part, **please return the enclosed consent form in the pre-paid envelope provided within the next 7 days.**

The leaflet with this letter provides further information about the survey. If you have any questions, please call 0800 298 5313.

Thank you for your help.

Yours faithfully



Glen Watson
Director General
Office for National Statistics

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Your child's school has agreed to take part in a survey of children's dental health being carried out by the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

We are inviting to complete a short questionnaire about their dental health and have a check-up with a dentist and dental nurse. This will take place at school in the next few weeks during school time. The dentist will not carry out any treatment, but will look at your child's teeth.

After the check-up, we will send you some feedback on your child's oral health. You will also be sent a questionnaire, so you can tell us your views on your child's dental health and on your local dental services. The survey results will be used to help plan better dental services for the future.

Participation is voluntary. However, we need to include children from all backgrounds, whether or not they go to the dentist. If you do not want your child to take part please ring the Survey Enquiry Line free on **0800 298 5313**. Opening times are 9am–9pm on Monday to Thursday, 9am–8pm on Friday and 9am–1pm on Saturday.

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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..... had a check-up with a dentist at school today. This was part of the 2013 Dental Health Survey of Children and Young People. The dentist has written to you about it and the letter is in an envelope within this pack.

Your views are very important to us

To finish the study, please tell us what you think about your child's day-to-day dental care by filling in the tick box questionnaire that is included in this pack.

The questions ask about things like tooth brushing and going to the dentist. The adult in your family who helps the **most** with your child's dental care should help to answer the questions.

Your views are essential for planning dental services

By answering these questions you will help us understand the condition of children's teeth. This information is essential for the planning of better dental care services in your area.

Please return the questionnaire to us in the next 7 days using the pre-paid envelope provided.

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Dear Student,

Do you have perfect teeth? Do you wear a brace to help give you straight teeth? Have you been to the dentist recently?

Whatever your answers to these questions were, you can help us. Along with a select few students from your school, you have been chosen at random to take part in a survey of children's dental health that the Office for National Statistics is conducting.

We are inviting you to have your say about your dental health and local dental services. You will be asked complete a short questionnaire about your dental health and to have a check-up with a dentist and dental nurse. The dentist will look at your teeth, but will not carry out any treatment. This will happen at school in the next few weeks during school time.

We have written to your parent or guardian telling them about the survey and asking them to let us know if they do not want you take part. You do not have to take part, but we hope you will decide to help us build a clear picture of young people's dental health.

If you decide not to take part, you will need to let your parent or guardian know, or you can call the survey team free on 0800 298 5313.

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