



Bringing NHS Dentistry back into schools

Let us all open doors.

NHS Mid and South Essex ICB have started an exciting **NEW school** pilot to support good oral health in **Reception and Year 3**. Schools will be linked to our local dental professionals.

The pilot aims to reduce the high number of children requiring hospitalisation for tooth extractions and dental work by preventing tooth decay.

Benefits

- Work alongside teachers and parents on the curriculum.
- Healthy teeth help with speech development.
- Dental appointments are also available for family and siblings.
- **Free NHS Dental Treatment for under-18-year-olds.** Please see more information below.
- **Decay in baby teeth can affect permanent teeth.**
- They learn to form **positive relationships with Professionals**, and reduce dental phobias
- Prevention over pain, and Children have less time off and are orally fit.



This is the first pilot of its kind in the UK, **complementing** Supervised Tooth Brushing and the Brush Bus in Thurrock.

Within this pilot, should your child need a dental appointment, the school will be able to give contact details of the local dental practice that will have **NHS appointments available**.

Parents and siblings will also be able to book appointments with this dental practice. Adult Exemptions may apply. Check out <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/dentists/who-can-get-free-nhs-dental-treatment/>

Ask your school about the pilot and request a copy of the consent form to ensure your child can have the free mouth check. Let's get our children smiling for years to come.

Should you have any questions please email dental.mse@nhs.net Quoting CYP