



# South Avenue Primary School

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

## Teeth Team Project

Thank you for supporting your child/ren in taking part in our teeth project. We are delighted that 88% of the school are taking part in the project, which is a very high percentage.

As you will be aware, the school is entitled to a yearly visit from a dentist and we are pleased to confirm that this will be taking place, in school, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January. During this visit, the dentist will have a quick look at the children's teeth and the dental nurses will apply the fluoride varnish. Should there be any advisory notices, these will be sent home in a letter to you so that this can be followed up with your own family dentist.

If your child is a little unsure about this, please do explain that the dentist will just be counting teeth and then the teeth nurses will be painting them with the fluoride - none of this will hurt! The children have already met the nurses when they came in at the start of the year and they have a lot of experience in schools.

On the day, pupils will be advised not to eat or drink for half an hour after the fluoride application but any children with medical issues will already be known to us, so we will ensure that they are appropriately looked after.

I would like to reiterate that only pupils who have signed permission will be seen and no treatment will be taking place, other than the application of the fluoride varnish, and again, only if permission has already been received.

If you do not have a family dentist, then please let us know and we can advise on local dentists in the area.

If your child has not yet signed up for the project and you wish them to take part, please request a permission form from the main office. The forms will need to be back with us by the end of term - or by the latest - first thing on the first day of term. If we do not get forms back in time for the dentist visit then children will still be included in the daily teeth cleaning after lunch. We would be delighted if even more pupils took part in the project, which is currently fully funded. Children taking part will be receiving their new toothbrush at the start of term in January.

Thank you for your continuing support of this project.

Yours sincerely

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Operations and Community Lead