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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: Assessing the oral health of children in reception and year six

Every year Buckinghamshire Council assess the oral health of children across the county to help highlight any areas of children's dental health that needs to be addressed. To support this piece of work we are keen to hear directly from parents regarding their child's oral health.

Tooth decay is the most common oral disease affecting children and young people in England, but it is largely preventable. Although oral health is improving in England, the local oral health survey of children in reception and year 6 showed that in 2023/24 10.6% of parents reported their child(ren) having a filling. The increase of cost of living has brought with it challenges in maintaining and monitoring dental health, the dental survey showed 18% of parents reported that their child does not have regular dental check-ups.

Public Health would appreciate it if you could spend 5-minutes completing a short survey that asks some basic questions regarding your child's oral health and general oral routine. The survey is completely anonymous.

To access the survey, please either, click on the link below or copy and paste the link into your browser:

[Dental Health Survey](#)

Deadline for completion: Thursday 31st July 2025

To support a reduction in the number of children having tooth decay, Buckinghamshire Council will be using the data to identify areas where children are at highest risk of poor oral health and then appraise the range of evidence-based options (i.e. supervised toothbrushing schemes) that could be targeted to develop positive oral health habits within this population.

Thank you in advance for your participation and if you require further information and advice about dental health, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/take-care-of-your-teeth-and-gums/>

For information and details of local services to encourage healthy eating, physical activity and promoting health and wellbeing please visit: <http://www.healthandwellbeingbucks.org/home>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sally Hone', written in a cursive style.

Sally Hone
Public Health Principal