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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 oral health survey of 5-year-olds in 2019 showed that 19.3% of 5-year-olds in Buckinghamshire have experienced dental decay. The COVID pandemic brought with it challenges in maintaining and monitoring dental health, with figures showing that during 2020 only 29.8% of children under 16 in England saw a dentist.

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 routines. 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:

<https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/public-health/894e5b84>

**Deadline for completion: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

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

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