



GUIDELINES

The Teeth Team Tooth Brushing Programme

1. Staff are responsible for the tooth brushing programme on a daily basis and all staff should be familiar with the Core Standards.
2. Tooth brushing programmes must be supervised by a member of staff.
3. Each child will be allocated his/her own brush which corresponds to the colours/symbol on the storage system.
4. A member of staff will be responsible for placing the fluoride toothpaste (a pea sized amount) on to a paper towel before transferring to a dry toothbrush.
(1450 ppm fluoride toothpaste will be used).
5. Children should be asked to swallow any saliva in their mouth prior to commencing brushing and should be encouraged to use the paper towel to wipe away any excess toothpaste afterwards. Rinsing out should be discouraged. Toothpaste is not to be reapplied if swallowed.
6. Toothbrushes should be rinsed thoroughly under cold running water before replacing them in the storage system. Brushes should not be soaked in Milton's diluted solution.
7. Storage systems require regular cleaning once a week, using only warm water and soap.
8. Storage system should not be placed directly beside where toothbrushing takes place or beside the toilet area to avoid contamination via aerosol spread.
9. At the end of term the child's toothbrush is to be sent home with them and replaced with a new one for the start of the new term.

Thank you for your help and co-operation.