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Dear Parent / Guardian

**Re: School Dental Inspections 2021/22**

The NHS in Scotland runs a programme of dental inspections of children in local authority schools. This academic year (2021/22), the plan is to carry out dental inspections of Primary 1 and Primary 2 children. The programme is operated by the NHS in Scotland via the Health Boards and Public Health Scotland (PHS). The inspections are carried out by your local Health Board, NHS Tayside. The clinical team is made up of a dentist or dental therapist and dental nurse. All such staff are employed by NHS Tayside. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

Dental inspection information that identifies your child will be used by NHS Tayside to tell you about your child's dental health and need for dental care. If your child is registered with an NHS dentist, NHS Tayside may also tell the dentist about the findings. If your child is not registered with an NHS dentist, NHS Tayside may offer you help in finding a dentist for your child.

NHS Tayside will share the findings with PHS. PHS will use the dental inspection information to help with the planning and delivery of NHS dental services across Scotland. Occasionally, NHS Tayside and/or PHS will use the information to carry out research. The inspection information is anonymised for these other purposes where at all possible.

If you have any queries in relation to the inspection programme, please call the above telephone number.

If you **do not want your child** to have this dental inspection, please write to your child's school within one week of receiving this letter.

Please include your child's name, school and class in the letter.

Yours faithfully

Louise Taylor  
Dentist



The legal basis for NHS Tayside and PHS using your child's dental inspection information is to promote and improve the health of your child and other patients and/or to manage the NHS health care system and services in Scotland.

You have various rights in relation to your child's information; please see the Data Protection pages of NHS Tayside at <http://staffnet.tayside.scot.nhs.uk/OurWebsites/InformationGovernanceandCyberAssurance> and NHS PHS at <https://publichealthscotland.scot/our-privacy-notice/your-rights/> for further information and the period for which the information will be held. Contact details for those organisations can also be found via those links. If you need help to access this information, please contact Broxden Dental Clinic on 01738 450550.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/care-support-and-rights/health-rights/confidentiality-and-data-protection/how-the-nhs-handles-your-personal-health-information>