

“Good oral hygiene habits should be established from an early age to ensure our children grow up with strong, straight teeth and healthy gums. It’s a wise investment for any parent”

Dr Komal Suri, Smile Design Dental Practice



Dr Komal Suri, winner of the Young South East Dentist of the Year award at the Dentistry Awards 2008

Child tooth decay is rising at an alarming rate



ACCORDING to a recent article in The Times newspaper, a growing number of children are being admitted to hospital with serious tooth decay as a result of sugary diets, not brushing their teeth properly and failing to visit the dentist.

Hospitals in England are treating more than 30,000 children for dental problems every year, and the number of teeth being pulled out under general anaesthetic has risen by two thirds in less than a decade. The most common age for a child having a rotten tooth out in hospital is five.

Hospitalisation for dental problems is now a serious health issue, even though decay — or dental caries — could easily be prevented through regular brushing and check-ups.

A study published by the British Dental Journal indicates that some toddlers and children have such poor oral hygiene that they are ending up in hospital as emergency cases, or having their teeth pulled when preventive treatment with fluoride treatments or fillings would have been more appropriate.

Here at Smile Design Dental Practice in Wendover we know the value of regular checkups and good oral hygiene routines. When you register with us as a family, or single parent, the children in the household will be invited for regular check-ups. From the age of eight to nineteen all examinations will take place with Dr Komal Suri and hygienist Carole Brennan and will last for approximately thirty minutes.

This will allow us to provide comprehensive care and to reinforce and educate on the importance of oral hygiene at such a crucial age. During these re-care appointments the child or teenager will experience, oral hygiene instruction, any necessary light scaling, X-rays of adult teeth, disclosing of plaque, polish, fluoride application and an examination by Dr Suri.

Early recognition of gingivitis, gum disease, hereditary anomalies, decay and the need for orthodontics will aid in the long term health of the teeth and build value for oral health. The cost of this comprehensive re-care appointment is £50.



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