

RiY Advice on Accessing NHS Dental Care for Parents

We recommend all children see the dentist for regular check-ups. The Raised in Yorkshire (RiY) dental team visiting your school cannot provide individual advice to children about the health of their teeth or any treatment.

If you have any concerns about your child's teeth, you need to speak to your dentist.

If you are not registered with a dentist

If your child is not registered with a dentist, you can contact NHS Direct on 0300 311 2233 who can give you a list of NHS dentists in your area.

Alternatively, you can follow this link to the NHS website which will help you find an NHS dentist. [Find a dentist - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Please note that not all NHS dental practices are accepting new patients and therefore you may have to travel beyond your local neighbourhood to visit the dentist.

If your child requires emergency treatment or out of hours

If your child requires emergency treatment, you can contact your child's regular dentist as they may have emergency clinic appointments available.

If your child is not able to see their regular dentist or if they are not registered with a dentist, you can access an NHS dentist by calling 111.

When to go to A+E?

You should take your child to A&E if your child is experiencing any of the following:

- Heavy bleeding from the mouth
- Injuries to the face, mouth, or teeth
- Severe swelling, or increasing swelling of the mouth, lips, throat, neck or eye.

Further information is available here:

[How can I access an NHS dentist in an emergency or out of hours? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[How to find an NHS dentist - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

[Dental services - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)