

Public Dental Service
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Coathill Hospital
Hospital Street
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: School dental inspections

The NHS in Scotland runs a programme of dental inspections of children in Primary 1 and Primary 7. They are carried out by an NHS dentist who is helped by a dental nurse. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

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

We will use the dental inspection information to help plan NHS dental services in your area and in the rest of Scotland. Occasionally we will use the information to carry out research on dental health and dental health services.

As with other health information this will be held by the NHS in Scotland. The NHS uses the highest levels of security (in compliance with the Data Protection Act 1998) when handling your child's dental inspection information and will make sure that it is stored safely and that it stays private.

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.

If you have any questions about this dental inspection, please contact either myself or a member of the dental team at the above number and we will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Burnside

Co-ordinator, National Dental Inspection Programme
Senior Dental Officer, Public Dental Service

**Dental Inspections
will take place
Monday 12th March
in Lawmuir Primary
School**