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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 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 Lanarkshire. The clinical team is made up of a dentist and dental nurse. All such staff are employed by NHS Lanarkshire. High standards of hygiene are followed and no X-rays are taken.

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

NHS Lanarkshire 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 Lanarkshire 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

NDIP Team