

Don't monkey around with your oral health!

Healthy habits last a lifetime. Getting children actively involved in their oral health from an early age improves both their oral and general health as adults.



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## 2-7 Years

Visit your dental team once a year for advice and a check up to prevent tooth decay and gum disease.

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## **Tooth Tips**

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- Always brush twice a day, at bed time and one other time during the day





- Use a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste (at least 1,000ppm)
  - Use a soft/medium toothbrush
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- **Clean every tooth**
- Brush for 2-3 minutes (about the length of a song)
- Spit, don't rinse after brushing
- Help your child with brushing
- Change your toothbrush when bristles are worn



## Diet Tips

Choose healthy snacks between meals such as whole fruits. Limit sweets, chocolate, biscuits and sugary drinks to mealtimes



Unflavoured milk & water are the most tooth friendly drinks



Limit fruit juice or fruit smoothies to a small glass once a day, with a meal and always choose unsweetened Read food labels for sugar content.Less than 5g per 100g is low sugar. Don't add sugar to food or drinks.

## **General Tips**



Always make sure your child wears a mouthguard when playing sports to help reduce the risk of dental injuries