

Detailed T's and C's –

Children's Open Period – Terms & Conditions

1. Eligibility

The Open Period is open to:

Children under the age of 18.

Children aged 18 who are in full-time education (evidence may be required).

2. Nature of Appointment

Each child will be offered a single dental check-up appointment as part of the Open Period .

The check-up is provided as a one-off event and does not constitute permanent registration with the practice.

3. Treatment Following Check-up

If the dentist identifies a need for treatment, the practice will provide and complete a full course of treatment in line with NHS contractual requirements.

Once the course of treatment is complete, the child will not automatically be entitled to further check-ups or follow-up examinations at the practice.

Any future routine care would need to be accessed via normal NHS registration processes, private arrangements, or at a future Open Period (if space is available).

4. Future Access

The practice aims to run Open Period often throughout the year, subject to capacity and resources.

Attendance is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Children who have attended a previous Open Period are not guaranteed a place at future Open Periods.

5. Existing Patients

Children who are already registered with the practice (through NHS, private, or practice plan arrangements) should continue to book appointments as usual.

These children do not need to attend the Open Period.

6. Parental Responsibility

A parent or legal guardian must accompany all children under 18.

Parents/guardians are responsible for providing accurate medical history and giving consent for treatment.

7. Limitations

The Open Period appointment is intended as an access event and is limited to a check-up and, if required, a complete course of treatment.

An NHS course of treatment is defined as “All the treatment that a dentist decides is clinically necessary to secure and maintain a patient’s oral health, starting from the initial examination through to the completion of that treatment plan”

Preventive care, monitoring, and routine examinations are not included after the treatment course has been completed.

8. Attendance & Cancellations

Appointment spaces are limited.

If you are unable to attend, please inform the practice as soon as possible so the space can be reallocated.

9. Fair Access & Equality

The practice will not discriminate on the grounds of race, disability, gender, religion or belief, sexual orientation, or other protected characteristics.

Allocation of places will be managed fairly and transparently.

10. Data & Confidentiality

All personal and clinical information will be handled in line with NHS confidentiality requirements and data protection legislation.