

7th September 2023

To the Parent/Carer of all children in Hedgehog, Squirrel & Mole Class

Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to inform you that our school has been selected to take part in the Lincolnshire Smiles group Toothbrushing Programme.

Lincolnshire Smiles is a county-wide supervised tooth brushing initiative for nurseries and schools designed to reduce dental decay in our children. Supervised tooth brushing at nursery/school has been shown to be effective at improving oral health for children. Lincolnshire Smiles works with parents and carers in supporting good oral health routines in children. Your child will be brushing their own teeth daily with fluoride toothpaste under the supervision of school staff.

Dental staff from Community Dental Service will be running this programme at Mercers Wood Academy. As part of this, they require consent from you for your child to be included in this programme. I would be grateful if you could please complete the consent on the Arbor app by **Monday 18th September**. The programme will start on Wednesday 20th September and run throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school for more information about supervised brushing; if you would like to discuss your child's oral health, please contact your dentist.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Head of School

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