



Dear Parent,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you & your family at Overland Park Family Dental. We are looking forward to your child's first visit at our office. During your first visit you and your child will have the opportunity to become familiar with our office, the staff & dentistry in general. We take great pride & effort in making your child's first visit a positive experience. We encourage parents to accompany their children for their initial visit. This gives parents the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the treatment area & allows Dr. Gallagher to discuss his initial findings with them. In addition, the doctor will discuss his treatment philosophy for children as well. If you choose to accompany your child into the treatment area we kindly ask that you act as a silent & supportive observer. It is very important for the doctor & staff to establish a relationship of trust as early as possible. This trust will be the foundation for a great long term relationship between your child & their dental provider. This typically leads to better home care & a positive attitude towards oral health.

Prior to your child's first visit they will likely have questions as children are naturally curious. Children will look to their parents when experiencing things for the first time & your attitude/response will help determine your child's outlook. Their first visit for a dental checkup/cleaning is often best described by telling them the doctor is going to count their teeth & clean them with a special "ticklebrush". These "happy visits" will allow your child to have a positive feeling towards dentistry. Should they need additional treatment, this first positive visit will build a foundation for the future.

If any restorative treatment is needed, we will recommend that your child enter the treatment area on their own or may have a parent help them get situated in the dental chair & then return to the reception room. You can be rest assured that an assistant will be with your child at all times. We find most children are more cooperative & responsive to other adults than their own parents. If you would like periodic updates or to sneak a peek in the operatory during treatment, this may help your comfort level also. Our objective is to deliver the safest & most effective dental treatment possible. If you feel strongly about remaining in the treatment area during your child's appointment, the doctor will always discuss ways you can help make your child's visit a positive experience.

We are very honored & privileged to have the opportunity to serve you & your family's dental needs. Should you have any additional questions about our office or scheduling don't hesitate to ask. Our goal is to be your family's trusted dental provider for a lifetime.

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