 Tooth brushing policy

Our aim is to ensure that children within our setting establish a regular tooth brushing habit as soon as their teeth start to erupt.

**Tooth brushing in the setting**

* Staff have received in-house training from the Smile4life lead – **Sarah Tweddle** to enable them to supervise children whilst tooth brushing.
* Consent is sought from parents on admission for their child to join in with our tooth brushing activities.
* Parents of children under the age of 2 are asked to provide their child’s own tooth brush and toothpaste.
* We provide children over the age of 2 with a tooth brush and toothpaste.
* Setting staff make sure children brush their teeth during the morning session at nursery
* All children are supervised whilst brushing their teeth.
* Staff supervising wear PPE – including gloves and apron.
* Children are to use the tooth brushing sink only, which is labelled in the girls toilets
* The tooth brushing scheme is overseen by the Oral Health champion – Sarah Tweddle.
* Parents are encouraged to continue with the tooth brushing routine when at home – information is shared on the Smile4life display board.

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| This policy was adopted at a meeting of Pear Tree Nursery |
| Held on 03.01.2020 |
| Date to be reviewed 03.01.2021 |
| Signed on behalf of the provider |
| Name of signatory  |
| Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) |