



This is the Oral Health Cohort Study (3 to 4-year-olds) privacy notice.




Who are we?

- We are Kent County Council. We look after public services which support people in Kent.
- Kent County Council's Public Health department work to support protecting and improving the health of Kent's population.
- Children aged 3–4 years in early years in Kent may be invited.
- Parents and carers will be asked if they agree to the check. The check will happen at school from September 2026 to July 2027.



Why do we use your information

- We are required by law to provide health and social care services. This means we are covered by law to use your information. We do not always have to ask for your permission to use your information.
- We will only share information when we need to do so and with people who need to know. We have security in place to stop information being used in the wrong way.
- We also have to make sure we follow data protection laws. This is

	<p>the UK General Data Protection Regulation. This means we have to provide certain information to you. We use this privacy notice to keep you updated.</p>
	<p>What information will we use?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will use your personal information. This can include your child's name, address, date of birth, sex and early years settings, your name and phone number (if you give it to us). • We will also use special category information. This is information that is more sensitive. This can include your child's race or ethnic background, information about your child's teeth (like if they have any decayed or missing teeth). • We may collect this information from you, other organisations who look after your health or people that may know you. • We use this information to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make sure only children aged 3–4 years are checked. ○ Contact you if we find any problems with your child's teeth. ○ Understand how children's teeth are doing in your area. ○ Help improve dental care for children and families. • This means we only use information for these purposes only.





Who will we share your information with?

- We will only share information to organisations who will help you to look after your health and social care.
- This can include:
 - Kent Community Health Foundation Trust (KCHFT) (they do the checks).
 - Kent Public Health Observatory (they look at the results).
 - Legal advisers if there is a complaint or legal case.
- We may also share information that has your personal details removed. This helps us to keep track of how well we are doing and what we can do to improve.
- We may also need to share your personal information with the Police, the Courts etc. if we are asked to by law.



How long do we keep your information for?

- We can only keep information for as long as we need it.
- We have a record document that tells us how long we can keep information for. This will be different depending on the information we use.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We check regularly to make sure we only keep information that is useful to us.
	<p>What are my rights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You have rights under the UK General Data Protection Regulation. They are:• know what we are doing with your information and why we are doing it• ask to see what information we hold about you• ask us to correct any mistakes in the information we hold about you• object to direct marketing• make a complaint to the UK Information Commissioner • We will let you know if there have been any breaches to your information in line with data protection legislation.
	<p>Who can I contact?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• You can contact the Information Resilience and Transparency Team to exercise your rights.• You can contact our Data Protection Officer to make a complaint or raise a concern.• You can make a complaint to the UK Information Commissioner. You can do this by phoning 0303 123 1113 or go to their website.



How can I find out more information?

- You can use this privacy notice to find out the up-to-date information on how we use your information. This privacy notice was last updated on 11 May 2026.
- You can also view the [Oral Health Cohort Study full privacy notice](#) or visit kent.gov.
- Please [email](#) or call 03000 421553 if you require an alternative format of this privacy notice.