



Word of Mouth

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Prevention is the best strategy

New research collected as part of National Smile Month (May 13 to June 13) shows a whopping 76% of us have experienced dental problems in the past year. Here we highlight the five most common oral health conditions affecting adults in the UK.

Sensitive teeth

Suffering with sensitive teeth affects 35% of adults and occurs when we eat or drink something hot, cold or sweet. Try...

- * Brushing with the correct pressure
- * Using a toothpaste for sensitivity
- * Having a diet low in acidic food & drinks

Bleeding gums

This condition, often spotted when brushing or flossing, affected 34% of adults in the past year. Bleeding gums are a red flag, signalling inflammation and are typically a sign of gum disease. Try...

- * Regular brushing with fluoridated toothpaste twice a day
- * Using interdental brushes between teeth
- * Attending routine dental checks - key for early detection & gum disease treatment

Toothache

Toothache, a constant pain in or around a tooth, is experienced by 24% of adults. It can be caused by decay, an abscessed tooth, a damaged filling, or a tooth fracture.

- * It's a signal that your body needs professional help - make an appointment!
- * Use over-the-counter pain relievers as a temporary solution
- * Avoid extremely hot or cold foods

Neglecting a toothache can lead to serious complications, including abscesses, spread of infection and tooth loss, so call to book now.

Dry mouth

This prevalent oral health issue affects 17% of adults. It can be due to various factors such as medication side effects, certain medical conditions, or dehydration. Try...

- * Seeking our professional dental advice to prevent further complications
- * Staying hydrated & using a saliva substitute
- * Maintaining good oral hygiene

Bad breath

Bad breath affects 17% of adults and can be caused by poor oral hygiene, dry mouth or certain foods and drinks. Try...

- * Seeking our dental advice as it could be a sign of a more serious oral health issue
- * Regular and thorough brushing and flossing
- * Staying hydrated & eating a balanced diet

If you have concerns about any of the oral health issues mentioned here, please get in touch for professional dental and hygiene advice.

Do you want a straight smile?

Invisalign is a subtle but highly effective teeth straightening treatment that uses specially designed aligners to gradually move your teeth.

First, we take a 3D scan of your teeth, allowing you to see how your teeth will look during and after treatment.

Then, when your aligners are ready, you will be instructed to change your aligner at regular intervals until your teeth are gradually moved into place. We will see you regularly throughout the treatment to ensure that everything is on track.

If you want to learn more about Invisalign at Park Street Dental Clinic, please don't hesitate to ask our reception team for more info.



Spotlight: Whitening - know the facts

As it was National Tooth Whitening Day in June, we thought we would highlight this treatment.

When carried out by our experienced dental professionals, tooth whitening is a safe and cost-effective way to give your smile a boost.

Only trained dental professionals like us can whiten people's teeth. Did you know it is actually illegal for anyone other than dentists or their clinically trained team members to carry out teeth whitening?

According to the General Dental Council people offering teeth whitening, such as beauticians and hairdressers etc, won't have the right training or knowledge, and could permanently damage your teeth and gums.

As with most things, you get what you pay for. Whitening products available online or from high street shops often fail to declare the precise chemicals used so it's difficult to assess their safety.

These products aren't guaranteed and are unlikely to produce the same results you can expect by visiting us. We are trained to know



which whitening products will be safe for your teeth and gums, and will be able to tell you exactly the results you can expect.

You may experience some sensitivity for a short time during your treatment but this is normal and will soon fade away after completion.

Whitening won't remove the surface of your teeth or change their shape. It doesn't permanently alter the tooth's structure and isn't effective on crowns or veneers.

We will discuss with you the level of whitening you want and give you an idea of how many treatments you may need to achieve the shade you're after.

A carefully controlled concentration of tooth whitening gel is applied to your teeth using specially-made trays that are created to fit in your mouth.

A brighter, whiter smile not only looks healthier, but it gives your confidence and spirits a lift. When we look good, we feel good! Ask us for a shade test at your next appointment.

How much wood could a woodchuck chuck?

Approximately 315kg according to a research team at Cornell University in America!

Tongue twisters have been around since the early 19th century - there's even an International Tongue Twister Day coming up in the autumn. So, what better time to consider our humble tongues?

Tongue facts:

- The tongue is the only muscle in the human body that works without any support from the skeleton.
- The tongue has about 10,000 taste buds, which can sense five basic tastes: sweet, sour, salty, bitter and umami. Umami is a savoury taste that is triggered by monosodium glutamate.

• The tongue can change its shape and size depending on what it is doing. It can help us speak, swallow, chew and clean our teeth.

• The tongue is not the strongest muscle in the body, but it is one of the most flexible and sensitive. It can also heal faster than other parts of the body.

• The tongue can reveal a lot about our health by its colour and texture. For example, a white tongue may indicate a fungal infection, a red tongue may indicate a vitamin deficiency or an allergy, and a yellow tongue may indicate a stomach problem.

Don't forget to make brushing your tongue part of your daily cleaning routine to help keep your breath fresh, and, if you have any issues or concerns, call us for advice.

Practice news

Tell your friends!

Our door is open to new patients. Mahwish joined us earlier this year and is taking on new patients to the practice. If you know of anyone looking for a dentist, we would love for you to recommend us.

Payment plans

Are you looking for ways to spread the cost of your dental treatment? Please feel free to ask for further information from our friendly reception team.

Online portal

Clicking 'Book Now' on our website will connect you to our Patient Portal. There, you can schedule and cancel appointments, check and update your personal details and medical history information, and view your treatment plans. This allows you the freedom to book appointments and update details at any time, day or night.

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