

**UAE National Oral Health Survey**

**Consent Form**

To the student's guardian .....

Greetings,

**Subject: "UAE National Oral Health Survey 2023"**

The Dental department at Emirates Health Services intends to conduct a national oral health study for the age groups **(5-6, 12, and 15)** of male and female students at government and private schools in 2023. This is to estimate the percentage of population that is affected by oral and dental diseases (Tooth decay, gum diseases, non-aligned teeth) among these age groups to create a baseline information that will help to find optimal ways to reduce the spread of these diseases in UAE community. All age groups will undergo simple clinical examination of their teeth. In addition to that, the 12 -and 15-year age group will have personal face-to-face interview. Examinations and interviews will be held at students' schools.

**Therefore, we would like to inform you that your son / daughter has been selected randomly to participate in this national project to get healthy generation free from dental and oral diseases; hoping that you will express your approval**

## **Consent Form for Participation in: UAE National Oral Health Survey 2023**

*We kindly ask that you read this form very carefully and feel free to ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be part of the study.*

- **You are invited to consent the participating of your child in this project under title:** “UAE National Oral Health Survey “aiming at determining the percentage of children that is affected by of dental caries, gum diseases, mal-aligned teeth and assessing oral health related quality of life for children in UAE population.
- The participation of your child includes 15 min teeth examination and about 10 min interview (12 and 15 years old).
- The interview will collect information about cleaning habits and types of food intake.
- The clinical examination will include simple assessment of teeth and gum to detect tooth decay, gum infections and teeth alignment. No anesthetic injection or any invasive procedure is required to do this assessment.
- The clinician will use fresh disposable gloves, a face mask and dental instruments.
- Your child is required to cooperate with examiners to assess his/her teeth and to help then in filling the interview form.
- A simple general information is required about whether your child has any chronic diseases / allergies or not. Special medical form is attached to fill it.
- The examination and interview will be held at schools without interrupting the academic timetable of your child and in collaboration with his/her school administration.
- **This project is conducted by:** A team of dental healthcare workers from EHS and licensed by the ministry of health and prevention/ UAE.
- This study will include 1500 children from 5-6, 12, 15-year-old groups.
- Your child’s participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your child’s current or future relations with his/her healthcare providers or with his/her school.
- All information obtained will remain confidential; the survey team will use a coding system where your name and personal information will be replaced by numbers so as to ensure full confidentiality. No information about you, or provided by you as a participant in this project will be disclosed to any other entity and for whatever reason unless they are directly involved in the named project.
- No risks, physical or otherwise, can be foreseen.
- You will not be charged for your participation in this project.
- There is no direct benefit to your child for his/her participation, however, this will hopefully contribute to the development of a better understanding of oral diseases in UAE. In case an urgent finding, your child will be referred to his/her dentist.

- You child have the right to withdraw from the study at any point of time without penalty or consequences to or any impact on his/her study at the school.
- If you have any questions about the study, please feel free to contact (Dr. Mousa Marashdeh-  
mousa.almarashdeh@ehs.gov.ae, 04 665 6914)

**I have read (or someone has read to me) the above information. I have been given an opportunity to ask questions and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction:**

Approved for oral and dental examination and interview for my son /daughter

Not consenting to oral and dental examination and interview for my son /daughter

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_