

Stainless Steel Crowns

Preformed Metal Crowns for Children

What are they?

They are ready-made silver-coloured caps designed for baby molar teeth. They are fitted over the tooth and seal in any decay, killing the bacteria which caused the decay and strengthening the tooth.

Why have they been recommended for my child?

- Clinical research has shown that preformed metal crowns (also known as 'stainless steel crowns') are more effective than fillings in baby teeth in many situations.
- They may also prevent your child from having to have their tooth removed.
- The research shows that placing crowns is usually preferred by children and their parents to having fillings.
- They are often a 'no drill' option (known as 'Hall crowns'). Your child will not normally need to have an injection either



How should I prepare my child for their visit?

The dental team may describe the crown to your child as their shiny 'princess crown', 'pirate's tooth' or 'knight's helmet'.



What to expect afterwards?

Your child may notice that their 'bite' feels high for a few days. You can give pain relief if required, but most parents find that this is not necessary. The crown will take up to 3 months to fully settle in, but this will not affect your child's eating or speaking.

How long will the crown(s) last?

- The crown should normally last until your child's baby tooth falls out. This may not happen until your child is 11 or 12 years old.
- The tooth will fall out normally, with the crown still attached to it.
- It is important to keep the crowned tooth just as clean as the rest of your child's teeth, especially around the gum line



