



A Message for Parents and Guardians

Many cavities can be treated comfortably without traditional drilling.



WHAT IS MINIMALLY INVASIVE DENTISTRY?

Our dental team focuses on stopping cavities early while preserving as much healthy tooth structure as possible. For many children, treatment can be completed without a dental drill or injections by using SDF or SMART restorations.

Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF)

- A liquid medicine painted onto the cavity
- Stops the cavity from getting larger
- No drilling
- No numbing shots
- Fast, comfortable treatment
- The decayed area becomes dark as it heals



SMART Restoration

- SMART = SDF + tooth-colored filling
- Soft decay is gently removed with hand instruments
- No drilling
- No numbing shots
- Restores the tooth while helping prevent future decay



BENEFITS FOR YOUR CHILD

- Comfortable treatment for many children
- Preserves healthy tooth structure
- Avoid traditional drilling
- Helps stop cavities before they become larger
- Children return to class immediately
- Fluoride-releasing materials help protect the tooth

WHAT TO EXPECT ON TREATMENT DAY

- Your child will receive a dental examination.
- If treatment is recommended, the dentist will complete SDF or SMART when appropriate.
- Treatment is quick and comfortable.
- Your child may return to class immediately!

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your child's dental care or recommended treatment, please contact our dental team before your scheduled school visit. **Call 800.409.2563.**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Will my child need a shot?

A. Children receiving SDF or SMART will not require local anesthetic.

Q. Will the cavity disappear?

A. SDF stops the cavity. SMART both stops the cavity and restores the tooth with a tooth-colored filling.

Q. Why does SDF turn the cavity dark?

A. The dark color is a sign that the decayed portion of the tooth has been stopped.

Q. Are these treatments safe?

A. Yes. They are supported by scientific evidence, the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and widely used in pediatric dentistry.

Q. Will every cavity qualify?

A. No. Your child's dental home will recommend the treatment that is best for each tooth.

**Working together, we can help your child
enjoy a healthy smile for life!**

