

Why we allow Parents in the Room

Let's face it; we all want our children to have a positive experience at the dentist. However, for those experienced in life, there are good days, and bad days. Kids can be unpredictable and all the preparation in the world can have no affect for a child that has made up their mind that they do not want to be at the dentist. If there is one thing I would like for you to remember it is this. Whether your child has a fear or phobia, it is our job to help your child with your direction. Only *you*, as the parent can create the expectation with your child that we are here to **help** them and that in order for us to help them, they must in turn behave appropriately. It is never our job to force a child into treatment. We can however **coach** them through it if they are willing. For in the end, the goal we must strive for is helping your child understand the importance of good oral health, and give them a foundation to build on.

For consultation appointments we allow **both** parents in the room, however for restorative appointments, we only allow **one** parent back in the room with the child during treatment. Children behave better during stressful times with one parent in the room. For special circumstances we will permit two but this is at the discretion of the doctor. **The parent with whom the child will behave the best is who should accompany the child.** This does not always mean the parent whom the child will more likely agree with, but the parent whom the child will respond to, if due to defiant behavior the child does not want to cooperate.

This is why we allow parents in the room. You are their constant, their source of assurance and stability. To bring any negative emotions, or past experiences into your child's encounter can negatively affect the outcome. **Your support** for your child during the appointment is both helpful and encouraged. We want you to feel comfortable and confident that your child is receiving the best care we can provide.

Thank You for trusting us with your child's dental health!