

## PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

**PROJECT TITLE: SMILE for School project**

**HUMAN RESEARCH ETHICS COMMITTEE APPROVAL NUMBER: H-2018-017 & 2021/HE000661**

**PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Professor Loc Do**

Dear SMILE Family,

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

**What is the project about?**

The **SMILE for School Project** is a continuation of the Study of Mothers' and Infants' Life Events Affecting Oral Health (SMILE) 2013-17 that you and your child have been part of. This new phase of the project aims to look at factors affecting child oral health before starting school and when deciduous teeth are replaced by adult teeth.

**Who is undertaking the project?**

This project is being conducted by an international research team led by Professor Loc Do at the University of Queensland. The team includes Professor Rebecca Golley, a dietitian at the Flinders University; Dr Diep Ha, a dental researcher at the University of Queensland, Dr Sam Leary, a statistician at the University of Bristol, UK; Professor David Manton, a paediatric dentist at the University of Melbourne; Professor Jane Scott, a dietitian at the Curtin University; Professor Murray Thomson, a dental researcher at the University of Otago; NZ; and Professor John Spencer, a dental researcher at The University of Adelaide.

**Why am I being invited to participate?**

You and your child have been participating in the SMILE 2013-17 research project. We plan to continue the project until your child will be at least 8 years of age.

**What will I be asked to do?**

Participation in the study involves completing questionnaires when your child turns 5 and 8 years and attending a dental check-up for your child.

The questionnaires will collect data about yours and your child's dental health behaviours and practices, dietary patterns, dental visiting patterns, your own health and lifestyle and your perception of importance of dental health behaviours.

The dental check-up is similar to a normal dental visit. No X-ray, medications or treatment will be provided. The check-up will be conducted by trained and standardised qualified dental practitioners. We will discuss any dental health issues that are found at the check-up of your child.

In some cases, we may ask for your consent to take photos of your child's teeth. If taken, those photos will not include facial features that may identify your child.

**How much time will the project take?**

Each questionnaire will take 20 to 40 minutes to complete. You can choose to do it online or on a paper-based form. The dental check-up for your child will take up to 20 minutes.

**Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?**

No risk is expected from participating in this project.

**What are the benefits of the research project?**

While there may not be direct benefit to you and/or your child from participating in this project, its findings will provide valuable information to understand why some young children have dental decay. Such information will be used to inform preventing childhood dental decay.

**Can I withdraw from the project?**

Participation in this project is completely voluntary. If you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the study at any time. Withdrawing from the whole or part of the project will not have any impact on you and your child.

**What will happen to my information?**

The personal information that you provide are accessible only to the principal investigator of this project. Yours and your child's dental health will be de-identified and stored in the secure network of The University of Adelaide and accessible only to the named investigators.

We will analyse the collected information to explore possible associations with child dental health. We will publish the findings in relevant scientific journals. The study findings will be reported in combined forms. No information on personal details including residential locality, age and gender will be published that may enable re-identification of a study participant.

**Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?**

Please contact the SMILE for School team by emailing [smile@uq.edu.au](mailto:smile@uq.edu.au)

**What if I have a complaint or any concerns?**

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Adelaide (approval number H-2018-017). If you have questions or problems associated with the practical aspects of your participation in the project, or wish to raise a concern or complaint about the project, then you should consult the Principal Investigator. If you wish to speak with an independent person regarding a concern or complaint, the University's policy on research involving human participants, or your rights as a participant, please contact the Human Research Ethics Committee's Secretariat on:

Phone: +61 8 8313 6028

Email: [hrec@adelaide.edu.au](mailto:hrec@adelaide.edu.au)

Post: Level 4, Rundle Mall Plaza, 50 Rundle Mall, ADELAIDE SA 5000

Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.

**If I want to participate, what do I do?**

We will send you a questionnaire via email or to your postal address with instruction on how to complete it. We will then contact you to organise a convenient time to meet for a dental check-up.

Yours sincerely,

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**The SMILE for School team**

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