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INVITATION

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY 'SMILE FOR SCHOOL'

Dear Parent/Guardian

We would like to express our sincere thanks for your contribution to the SMILE Study 2013 – 17, of which you and your family are part of.

Now, we would like to invite you and your family to contribute to the second phase of that study: the 'SMILE for School' Study.

The 'SMILE for School' Study is a study led by the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH), at The University of Adelaide in collaboration with researchers from Flinders University, Curtin University and Melbourne University in Australia, Otago University in New Zealand and Bristol University in the UK.

The study aims to investigate factors contributing to dental health of school children in Australia. Information from this Study will be used to provide evidence to inform effective prevention of dental disease in children.

The study has ethics approval from The University of Adelaide Human Research Ethics Committee (Approval Number: H-2018-017).

You and your child are being invited to take part in this survey because you and he/she participated in the SMILE Study 2013 –17, conducted by researchers from The University of Adelaide. You had agreed to be re-contacted for research purposes.

Participation in the 'SMILE for School' would involve completion of parental questionnaires and a dental examination for yourself and your child conducted by a team of qualified dental practitioners. Examinations will be conducted when your child has turned **five and seven** years old. So if your child has already turn five, you will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire and an invitation to have a dental check-up soon.

While the overall results of the Study will be reported, information about individuals will not be identifiable. All information collected as part of the dental examination and questionnaires is confidential and is for statistical analysis purposes only.

Before you consent to participate you should read the Information Sheet provided.

While we encourage you to participate, your right to decline will be respected and this will not affect your dental care in any way. If further information is required, or if you wish to withdraw from the Study at any time, please contact the SMILE for School research team on 1800 333 370 (free-call) or via email: smile@adelaide.edu.au, or SMS to 0436 189 334.

Your participation once again will make a very valuable contribution towards providing information that can be used to inform policies aimed at preventing dental disease in children. On behalf of the SMILE for School research team, we look forward to seeing you again and working together on this important study.

Yours sincerely

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