



Lift the Lip Guidelines

Lift the Lip has three aims:

1. Encourage parents and caregivers to look at their child's teeth
 2. Identify visible decay and ensure child is screened and treated at a school dental clinic promptly.
 3. To have an enrolment form filled out for those children not previously enrolled at the school dental clinic.
- Lift the lip is a check for visible decay not a screening.
 - Only a qualified dental professional can screen the teeth, and give a clearance.
 - Lift the Lip practitioners cannot give a clearance (eg "No holes in teeth" "Do not need to go to dental clinic for a screening").
 - Lack of visible decay does not mean that no decay is present. Children should still have their teeth checked at the school dental clinic.
 - All children should be enrolled, and parents/caregivers informed that they need to take the child to the school dental clinic for screening annually from 2.5 years.