

MARINE ACADEMY PRIMARY NEWSLETTER



May 2025



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...providing an outstanding education that ensures all pupils reach their greatest potential and live by life's highest values.

Dear Parent/Carers of Marine Academy Primary pupils,

What a term it has been! Although it's been a short one, it's certainly been packed with learning, enrichment and community spirit here at Marine Academy Primary.

We've seen the launch of our wonderful Breakfast Bistro, welcomed families into school for our Reception and Year 1 Phonics in Action events, and cheered on our Year 6s as they confidently completed their SATs. Year 5 have been cooking up a storm – even featuring on BBC Spotlight – while Year 3 immersed themselves in Ancient Greece and joined Year 4 for a fantastic Art Exhibition. We also marked VE Day in style and Year 2 enjoyed an exciting trip to The Box – and that's just to name a few!

Looking ahead, the final term of the year promises just as much excitement with Sports Days, more trips, residential to 'Forest & Beach' and Spain, Alice in Wonderland performances, a whole-school Dream Big Day, our Summer Fair, and much more! All of these important dates are included in the 'Dates for your Diary' section on the next page and more detailed information about each event will be sent out in a separate letter.

As the weather (hopefully!) warms up, please make sure your child brings a water bottle, sun hat and has sun cream applied before school. For the unpredictable days, don't forget a raincoat just in case as we still like to get the children outside whenever possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you enjoy a restful half term break and we look forward to a busy, fun-filled Term 6 ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Georgina Reid and Miss Stacey Mitchell
Headteacher and Head of School



DATES FOR YOUR *Diary*

Tuesday 3rd June - First day of Term 6

Wednesday 4th June - Reception trip to Dartmoor Zoo

Monday 9th June - Extra-Curricular Clubs begin again

Monday 9th June - Year 2 trip to Occombe Farm

Monday 9th June - Years 3 and 4 Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Wednesday 11th to Saturday 14th June - Residential Trip to Spain

Thursday 12th June - Classes RHR and RTG Father's Day events

Monday 16th June - Pre-School Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Thursday 19th June - Dream Big Day: Children are invited to come to school dressed as a job role they would like to do when they're older.

Tuesday 24th June - Years 1 and 2 Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June - Forest and Beach Residential for Years 5 and 6.

Monday 30th June - Years 5 and 6 Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Thursday 3rd July - Reception Sports Day: families invited from 12:30pm

Monday 7th July - Deadline for completed 38 Things booklets to be handed in.

Wednesday 9th July - Pre-School Graduation ceremony

Friday 11th July - Last day of Extra-Curricular Clubs

Friday 11th July - Summer Fair 2-4pm

Monday 14th July - 1:45-2:45pm 38 Things Celebration Event for children who have completed their booklets.

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July - Families to collect their child's annual report and exercise books from their class teacher (please bring a bag to carry the books!).

Thursday 17th July - Last day of Term 6

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Creativity, curiosity and community

Reception

Reception have had a brilliant term, full of exciting learning opportunities and trips. We have loved caring for our tadpoles and have gradually seen them grow in size in recent weeks; we are all really hoping for some frogs when we return from the half term! The children have engaged in a range of exciting, quality texts this term including, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Pip and Egg' and Tad. We have loved spending more time in the outdoor area enjoying the sunshine and taking part in a range of different challenges. We look forward to next term with the upcoming Father's Day Special Gentlemen event and our upcoming trip to Dartmoor Zoo. We are so excited for our final term of the year and cannot believe the amount of brilliant progress the children have made this term.



Pre-School

The Pre-School children have had a fantastic start to their new topic, 'What can we grow?' We've planted our very own runner bean seeds and have loved watching them grow taller each day! We can't wait to see how they're growing at home too. The children have also enjoyed looking at how they've changed since they were babies, talking about the things they can do now that they couldn't do when they were younger. It's been so special to see the photos and hear their reflections!

In Maths, the children have amazed us with their number recognition and their ability to subitise (identify the number of objects at a glance)! And in Phonics, they're excelling at recognising initial sounds, with some impressive recall! We're excited to dive into our next topic, 'What is in the Woods?', and we're also looking forward to Sports Day! Just a reminder: if it's not your child's session, we won't be able to accommodate them due to staff ratios, but don't worry, all the children will get the chance to enjoy sports day activities throughout the week!



Nursery

This month, Turtle Class have been fully immersed in the topic rhyme 'Row, Row, Row your Boat'. The children used fork painting to create their own polar bears and enjoyed using their hands to explore the boats in the texture of gloop. They also loved brushing Mr Crocodile's teeth. The children have been enjoying practising the rhyme with their friends by holding hands and rowing their boats together.

This month, the children have also been looking at all of the different animals in the topic book, 'Row Your Boat', and they have created beautiful, colourful parrots using feathers, jumped like rabbits over hurdles and created their own rabbits using a variety of different materials.



Year 1

The children in Year 1 have had a busy May completing lots of exciting learning! They have enjoyed learning about the Ancient and modern Olympic Games as part of their History learning. The children were able to talk about the differences between the two along with gaining a greater understanding of Ancient Greek culture and pantheon. The children also learnt about the importance of athletes such as Jesse Owens and Ellie Symons, talking about how their training may have varied.

The children have been undertaking some Phonics Screening Check practice ahead. The Year 1 team have been impressed at the children's resilience in preparing and are confident that they will all do themselves proud in June. The children have enjoyed becoming artists in their Art lessons and have all experimented with creating 3D sculptures using paper. At the end of term, the children created 3D Olympic torches to link to their History learning. Outside of their classroom learning, the children enjoyed celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day. It was wonderful to see the children share a VE day lunch and learn facts about such an important day in British and world history. The whole Year 1 team wish the children a restful half term ready for the final term of Year 1.



Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic month exploring World War 2 in their History lessons! They thoroughly enjoyed their trip to The Box, where they took part in workshops about the war and celebrated VE Day. The children learned all about the Blitz, evacuation, rationing and how the war began. The highlight was planning and celebrating the end of their WW2 topic with a wonderful VE Day party. They had a great time joining other primary schools within the Ted Wragg Trust for this special event.

In PE, Year 2 have been getting active with dodgeball, focusing on teamwork, attacking and defending. They've also delved into poetry, studying 'Zim Zam Zoom' by James Carter, and created their own brilliant kenning poems - they are amazing! Well done, Year 2!



Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic term full of creativity and curiosity! The children worked incredibly hard on their artwork for our recent Art Exhibition - a big thank you to everyone who came along to support. Their work was truly impressive and celebrated their talents brilliantly.

The children also looked amazing on our Ancient Greece Day, arriving in fantastic costumes and showing real enthusiasm for the topic. They enjoyed diving into the history of the era and learning about life in Ancient Greece. We were especially proud of how well they demonstrated their knowledge in their end-of-unit History writing, showing how much they've learned and remembered.

Well done, Year 3 - we're so proud of you and can't wait for a fun-filled final term of the school year!



Year 4

It has been another fantastic month of learning in Year 4! The children's History topic, 'Vikings', led to great exploration of how the Vikings lived and discovered the wider world. They finalised their learning by creating news reports about the Viking attack on Lindisfarne.

In Maths, the children have been practising their times tables, preparing for their statutory Multiplication Tables Check which takes place in June. In English, students explored the text, 'Book of Bones', and they created their own mystery text about an animal. In Computing, the children designed and created their own Scratch games, adding in repetitions and sounds.

In Science, Year 4 have learnt about adaptations animals have made to survive in different environments. In Art, the children created compositions using various painting techniques. They've created some fantastic final paintings which we were able to display at the Year 4 Art Exhibition! We're so proud of the children's hard work and can't wait to see what the final term brings.



Year 5

May was a fantastic month full of learning and exciting activities across Year 5! In Maths, we explored Statistics, learning how to read and create different types of charts and graphs. In English, we studied a fictional text and used it to help us write our own chronological reports, putting events in the correct order and using time connectives.

We also wrapped up our Science topic on changes over time and evolution, discovering how animals and humans have adapted through the years. One of the highlights of the month was our History trip to Plymouth Hoe and the Barbican, where we learned more about our local area's rich past. It's been a busy month, and we've had lots of fun along the way! We are so excited for all of our remaining summer term adventures to come!



Year 6

Year 6 have been absolute superstars and have made us exceptionally proud with their relentless positivity and dedication towards their SATs and all other aspects of the curriculum. As a reward, they had a memorable trip to Mount Edgcumbe where lots of joy and laughter was had! Across the wider curriculum, the children have enjoyed learning about 20th Century Conflict and this topic has provided the opportunity for them to question and debate decisions that have been made by renowned figures.

In addition, Year 6 have been super scientists when they have been learning about the transfer of heat. They have explored concepts of insulation and thermal equilibrium and risen to the task admirably. The children have demonstrated super programming skills in Computing, where they have explored the concept of variables and applied these in their games on Scratch. One of the highlights of the term has been the outcomes produced in Art. This has involved using a range of media to depict their favourite primary school memories.



In Other

News

Earlier this month, we were very fortunate to be able to take a group of children for a sail around Plymouth Sound with The Island Trust. In the beautiful sunshine, our children helped to put up the sails, steer the boat and watched underwater life on a crabcam. There were smiles all round and excellent teamwork, well done to them all!



Mile 13 of the Plymouth Half Marathon was completed by children from Running Club! It was brilliant to see everyone digging deep and running so well. Even more special than that was to see just how much that group of children support and champion one another.

Thank you to Mr Cuzner, Miss Vickers and Mrs Neal for giving these children a wonderful experience.



LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts) Club won at the Torbay Festival of Dance, Drama and Music this month! Their incredible performance earned them a score of 90 marks!

We are so proud of these superstars for 'shaping' the way they talk, perfecting their Oracy skills and collaborating together. The judges praised their changes of pitch and volume, and said they 'captured the mood and atmosphere'. A huge thanks to Miss Uren for leading this group so well!



Some of our pupils have new roles across the school, supporting in different areas. These superstars are our Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors, and they have recently been out in the community spreading positive messages as part of Mental Health Awareness Week.



Earlier this month, we were able to take a group of students to visit London. They were treated to beautiful blue skies on the London Eye and a VIP tour around the Houses of Parliament. They were excellent role models for the entire day and thoroughly enjoyed the amazing experience.

Please can we kindly ask that cars do not park in the designated minibus bays in the Primary Staff Car Park.

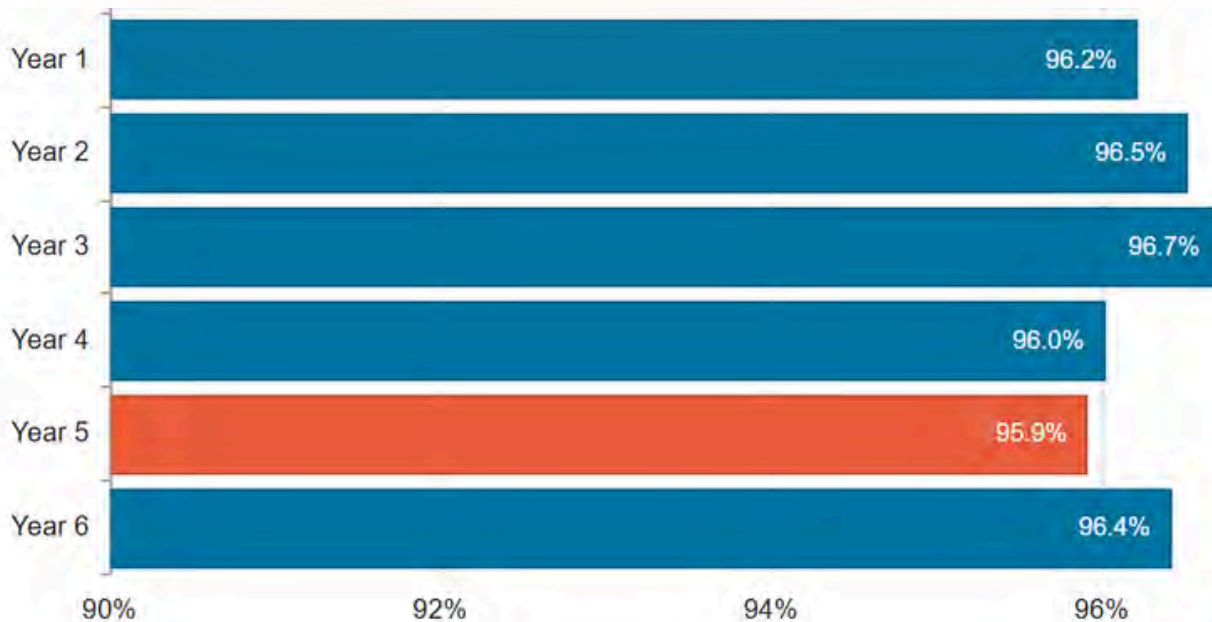
The buses leave and arrive at different times each day and need a suitable amount of space for children to get on the bus and also for the drivers to maneuver in and out of the car park. Thank you.



Minibus Parking



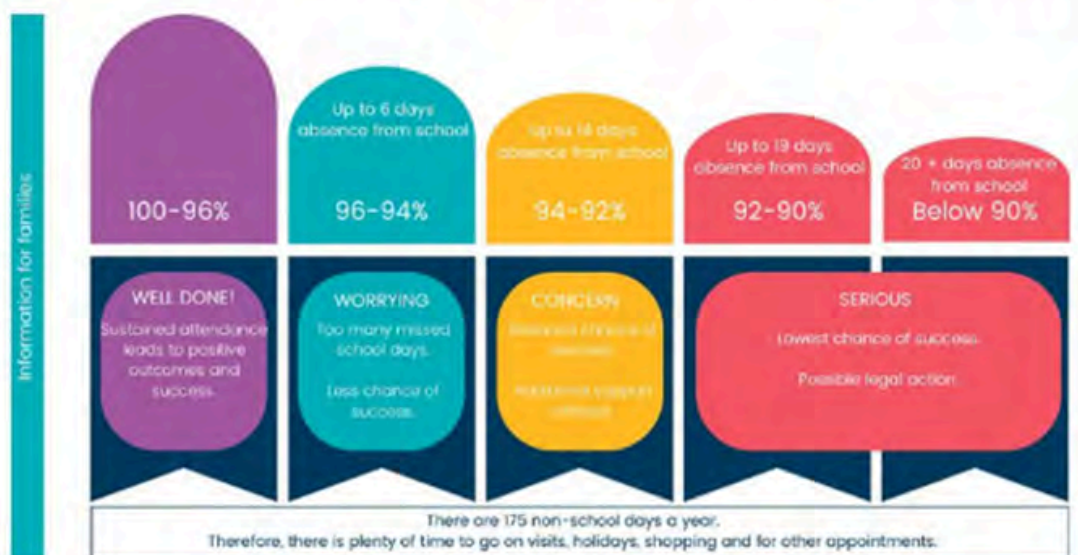
Attendance



Well done to Year 3 for the highest attendance this month!

Please remember to contact the Primary each day that your child is absent.

Days off school can impact on your success





ONLINE SAFETY

Welcome to May's online safety bulletin, which provides awareness of some of the latest online risks and offers useful tips of how to be a responsible digital citizen and to ensure experiences remain positive.

If you have any further questions or concerns about e-safety, please contact our Computing leader, Mr Druce, by emailing: primary@marineacademy.org.uk FAO: Mr Druce.

MINECRAFT

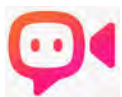
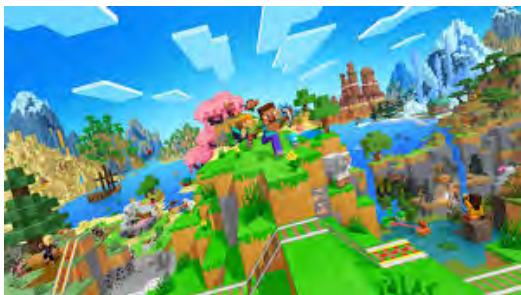
Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age. Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks.

There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

There is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other.

In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so please ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. It is also recommended that appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself.

Find out more here: <https://www.minecraft.net/enus/article/parental-controls>



JUSTALK



Minecraft Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text.

There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription.

JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of here: <https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

ROBLOX

General Information

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account.

1. Friend blocking - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. Experience blocking – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. Top game insights - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

More information:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-onroblox>

Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and suspect could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think the content is safe or not.

Find out more here: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>





🎉 Free things to do in Plymouth this half term!

From 24 May to 1 June, enjoy family adventures across the city:

🌿 Explore the Plant Quest Trail at Saltram

🎨 Get creative with storytelling and crafts at The Box

📖 Join fun activities at Plymouth Libraries

🌳 Celebrate Green Man Weekend at Mount Edgcumbe (24-25 May)

🏃 Take part in Parkrun and Junior Parkrun

🌊 Try wild swimming spots or cool off at Mount Wise outdoor pools

Find out more and plan your half term here

➡ <https://ow.ly/1lKk50VXNaa>

WICKETZ



Free Cricket Sessions

YMCA Honicknowle
(Sports Hall), Plymouth
PL5 3NG

Tuesdays 4-5pm

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SUMMER
VENUE

Love your Bike Day



Come along and join us for all things bike and scooters!

- Bling your bike with Yaz from Sustrans.
- **Wheeling obstacle course.**
- Dr Bike safety checks with Bikespace.
- **Adult cycling advice from PSSP.**
- Cycling incentives from Plymotion.
- **Clay modelling with the Pioneers Project.**
- Smoothie Bike by Sustrans.
- **Bike Register & Crime Prevention with Devon & Cornwall Police.**
- Face painting with Live West.
- **Arts and Crafts activity with Barnardo's.**
- Refreshments available throughout the day.



Tuesday 27th May **11:00 - 14:00**

Kelly Close Play Area Barne Barton

(between Kelly Close and the end of Estuary Way).

What3Words [///firmly.socket.moves](https://www.what3words.com/firmly.socket.moves)

No parking in LiveWest resident parking areas.

Young children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Please note there are no toilet facilities available on site.



Bikespace





Meet your local Community Builder Mike Hookway

On the 1st Thursday of each month
between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the
Wellbeing Cafe, William Sutton Hall,
St Budeaux & Barne Barton Wellbeing Hub
6 Shelley Way, St Budeaux, Plymouth, PL5 1QF

What is a Community Builder?

We work with residents and members of the community
around issues that affect you.

We support finding local solutions, together with friends,
neighbours and other members of the community.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Bank Holiday</p> <p>Family Hubs will be closed on Monday 26th May</p> <p>No groups will be running</p> <p>For more information about any of the events on our timetable please scan the QR code</p> 	<p>Latch on Highview - 10-11.30am Elburton 10.-11.30</p> <p>Chatterbox Elburton Methodist Church 10 - 11.30am</p> <p>Drumming Music Workshops Rees 10.30-12am 7-11yrs (adult required to stay) 1-2.30pm 11-17yrs Booking required</p> <p>SEN Play The Barn 10-11am 2-6 yrs old 1-2pm 7-11yrs (adults required to stay)</p> <p>Soft Play with Family Hub Support Central Methodist Church 1.15 -2.30pm</p>	<p>Latch on Nomony - 1 - 2.30pm</p> <p>Café Connect The Barn 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Twins Group 2nd & 4th Wednesday Rees 10-11.30am</p> <p>Chatterbox St Francis of Assisi 1 - 2.30pm Compton Church 1 - 2.30pm</p> <p>All activities are FREE to attend!</p>	<p>Multicultural Group 0-5years Onward House 9.30 - 11am</p> <p>Baby & Toddler Group Elm Church 10-11.30</p> <p>Chatterbox Highview 9.30-11am The Barn 10-11.30am</p> <p>Dads N Dinkies with soft play 0-7 years 1.30-3pm (Bookable on the YMCA website)</p>	<p>Latch On Fourwoods 10-11:30am-</p> <p>Chatterbox Tothill Community Centre 10 - 11.30am Fourgreens, Whiteleigh Hub 10- 11.30am</p> <p>Pop up Play Village The Barn 10-11.30</p> 

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MAKATON STORY WORKSHOP

Free to attend



10-11am

Join us for fun and learn some new Makaton Signs, to book please ring your local Barnardo's family hub

Dear Zoo

Monday 9th June at Highview Primary
Tuesday 10th June at Barn Family hub
Wednesday 11th June at Rees Family Hub
Monday 30th June at Elm Community Centre

one Mole digging in hole

Monday 16th June at Highview
Tuesday 17th June at Barn Family Hub
Wednesday 18th June at Rees family hub
Wednesday 25th June at Elm Community Centre



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HALF TERM LITTER PICK

Litter is a growing concern in St Budeaux — and we know local residents care.

Let's come together to make a difference.

Join us for a community litter pick and help take the first step toward a cleaner, safer neighbourhood. It's also a great chance to share your ideas and talk about how we can raise our voices on other local issues that matter to you.



29.05.2025

AT 3.30PM AT ST BUDEAUX LIBRARY



Parents - We need your help!

Receive £30 in
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Confidential,
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Data not shared outside
of research team

2 appointments in 12
months
Questionnaires and child
weight measurements.
(Parent measurements
optional).



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Leeds Institute of Clinical Trials Research

Do you have a child under 5?

We are looking for volunteers
to take part in a research
project.

The HENRY trial is a research project that
is being conducted by the University of
York in collaboration with HENRY and
University of Leeds.

Taking part in this study is optional and
you are not obliged in any way.

Please speak to a member of staff for further information

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If you and your child join:

- You will receive £30 in vouchers for taking part (£15 at each appointment)
- You will have 2 appointments with a researcher, one at the start and another one 12 months later
- You will be asked to answer some questions about you and your child
- The researcher will ask to measure your child's height and weight
- We would also like to measure you at the same time, but this is optional
- You will be talked through some questionnaires on your family's eating habits, dental health and confidence as a parent
- If you have been invited to enrol on a programme called HENRY, you will be expected to attend this during the trial
- We also need people to take part who are not on a HENRY programme

What will happen to my data?

- The research data collected from you will be kept strictly confidential
- All the information will be stored securely at the University of Leeds
- Data that identifies you or your child(ren) will not be shared outside of the research team



Please speak to a member of staff for further information:

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