

Dear Parent,

Welcome to Morningside Pediatric Dentistry! Dr. Anjali Williamson is a board-certified, pediatric dental specialist. She practices evidence-based dentistry and is committed to ensuring that your child receives the best possible dental care in a safe and caring environment.

Managing a child's behavior is an important part of a dental visit. Our dental team will use the following techniques to help your child have a positive experience: Tell Show Do, Positive Reinforcement, Distraction and Voice Control. In certain instances, children may be too young to cooperate or may show disruptive behavior that can pose risk to themselves. We may have to use other pediatric behavior management techniques to help your child: Nitrous Oxide (Laughing Gas) and Oxygen Inhalation and/or Passive Immobilization Device (Papoose Board). If we need to use either of the above two measures, then we will ask for your written consent the day of the procedure.

Many parents are concerned about how their child will do for a procedure. Please let our dental team explain what will happen and how to the patient. Our dental team has been trained to explain everything to the patient in a way they can understand and feel comfortable. **We advise you to keep the information you tell your child to a minimum** . Children sense their parents' anxieties, and this can lead them to be anxious and uncooperative. In addition, children often do better without their parents in the room. While this may seem counterintuitive, often children can listen and cooperate better, as well as form a meaningful patient-doctor bond when they are by themselves. For this reason we will ask **parents to wait in the waiting room and let us escort your child back to the treatment room**.

Dr. Williamson wants every patient to have the opportunity at a positive experience. We look forward to helping your child protect their oral health and smile!

CONSENT

I have read the above policies of Morningside Pediatric Dentistry

Parent's Signature

Date

Patient name