



Dear Parents... Don't Worry!

New environments can be intimidating for some children. During our initial exam, our staff encourages parents to sit chair-side, as we want you to have confidence in how we communicate and present the dental environment.

As your child grows in our patient-centered environment, we encourage you to allow them to demonstrate independence at subsequent visits. Be proud of your child's ability to get in the dental chair on their own and take responsibility for their personal hygiene. They will be proud, too!

A parent's presence during restorative treatments is determined on a case-by-case basis. We typically find that when receiving restorative treatments, children behave in a much calmer and less stressful manner without their parents at the dental chair. This allows us to do treatments more effectively and efficiently.

That being said, we will never keep you from being with your child, if that is your preference. We are proud of what we do and are happy to share the process with you. If you choose to accompany your child **during restorative appointments**, we ask that you:

- NOT bring other children back with you. If you have another adult, they can stay with your other children in the reception area or take them to one of our nearby playgrounds.
- LISTEN more than speak! Remember that it is your PRESENCE that is reassuring to your child. When you speak, the child's focus will understandably be redirected to you, and away from our dental professionals who are trying to guide your angel through what may seem to be a daunting experience.

IF we feel we need your help, we are very quick to ask for it...**please wait until we ask.**

We all want the same thing... Children with healthy smiles and great attitudes about the dental experience. We hope that you will marvel with us, as we help your child successfully maneuver through the various aspects of a "dental visit.

The Team at Playhouse Dental