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Childsmile on its way to Angus.

North East Scotland MSP Marlyn Glen has welcomed a Scottish Government answer to her Parliamentary Question indicating that the Childsmile School dental health scheme is set to be introduced in Angus primary schools in March.

Ms. Glen said,

“The Childsmile School programme builds upon the Childsmile (East) programme launched last March and other previous dental health initiatives.

“Emphasis is placed upon the importance of a balanced diet, and regular toothbrushing, as well as visits to the dentist in establishing good oral health.

“The latest dental inspection figures for primary one pupils in Scotland in 2006 were the best-ever surveyed.

“They showed that over 54 per of these pupils showed no sign of obvious tooth decay.

“The figures for the NHS Tayside area were even higher at just over 57 per cent.

“A lot of hard work will continue to be done by dental professionals to improve Scotland’s dental record.”

Children in targeted schools whose parents grant consent that they take part in the Childsmile School programme will have a varnish of fluoride painted on to their teeth twice a year.

Regular dental checks will be carried out by dental nurses who will also visit schools to spread the message about oral hygiene.

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