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Is your child having disturbed sleep or are they unwell because of their mouth or teeth? Are they in pain, have bleeding, swelling or have had a knock to the mouth?

Remember dentists are still open for seeing children with urgent dental needs and it's important to take them even during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Dentists are now set up to work during the pandemic and have special protections in place to keep everyone safe.

What to do

- **Call your regular dentist or use <https://111.nhs.uk/> if you cannot contact your dentist or you do not have one.** They will offer advice and assessment over the phone. Do not visit a dentist with your child face to face until you have been told to do so.
- **You must go to Accident and Emergency (A&E) at hospital if your child has:**
 - severe pain
 - swelling in the mouth or neck making it difficult for your child to swallow, breathe or speak
 - an area around their eyes or neck which is swollen
 - heavy bleeding or injuries to the face mouth or teeth

If you're not sure whether you should go to A&E, contact NHS 111, who will be able to advise you.

For more information about looking after your family and your family's mouths during the pandemic have a look at the '[Looking after your smiles](#)' video.

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