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Dear Headteacher,

**RE: Seal or Varnish a Clinical Trial – Pilot study**

The National Health Service (Health Technology Assessment division) have commissioned a clinical trial to test two different methods of protecting children's teeth. The study is being carried out by the Cardiff University School of Dentistry. It will involve 920 children from Community First schools in South Wales aged between 6 and 7 years and the start of the study and follow them for thirty six months. The study will help to identify the best way of protecting the childrens' teeth from tooth decay.

The first stage of the study involves piloting the methods that will be used in the mainstage of the study. We hope that you will agree to let your school take part in the Pilot study to do this. We need to identify approximately 35 children aged between 6 and 7 years whose parents will consent to their child undergoing a dental examination.

Parent/guardians of children aged 6 to 7 will be sent a letter explaining the study and asking them to allow their child to take part in the study and undergo a short dental examination.

When the dentist visits the school they will require a room in which to carry out the examinations and some assistance in bringing the selected children to the room to be examined. The school will also need to keep a list of any children whose parents withdraw them from the study to give to the dentist when they visit the school.

I appreciate schools have many demands on their time but I hope you will feel able to help us. Participation in the study is voluntary. The dental visits are planned for the <<insert date>>. If you are able to take part please return the attached slip in the envelope provided so that I can arrange a date for the dentist to visit.

If you have any queries about the survey, please contact me, Professor Ivor Chestnutt on 029 2074 2447 / 6680.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Professor Ivor Chestnutt

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School: .....

I am willing to allow my school to take part in the dental training exercise.

Signed: ..... Head Teacher      Date: .....