

ORTMAN FAMILY DENTISTRY  
OFFICE POLICIES & AGREEMENTS  
PARENTAL AGREEMENT

Parents are welcome to accompany their child in the treatment area during the initial examination. We ask that if you do accompany your child that you assume the role of a ***silent observer***. Your presence is greatly enhanced if you play a passive role. If more than one person is speaking to your child, they may become confused. Cooperation and trust in our dental team must be directly established by your child, not through you.

Very apprehensive children may look for an “escape” or put on an “act” for their parent(s) in order to get out of their dental visit. If this is the case, please respect our doctor’s professional judgement and respect our request to exit the treatment area silently and immediately to our waiting room. Our goal is to cultivate open communication and trust between your children and our team.

At subsequent visits, **we encourage children to come back to the treatment area by themselves**, because this builds autonomy and trust within your child. As a child gets older, we promote independence. Most kids take great pride in their bravery and feel accomplished when they get through the entire visit on their own. Additionally, most parents enjoy the quiet time in our waiting room and are given the chance to have some personal time. If there are any issues or recommendations, we will always go over this with the parent or guardian at the end of the appointment.

*I have read and agree to the “Parental Agreement” as written above.*

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

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Date