

## Let's get things straight!

Q: When should I start with orthodontic treatment?

A: As soon as a growth problem is detected.

A very common orthodontic problem is overcrowding. Often this problem is left unchecked until all the adult teeth are present. It is then treated by extracting four teeth and moving the teeth into the available spaces. These days modern **orthopaedic treatment** seeks to intercept the cause by stimulating correct growth and development, thus avoiding the need for extractions. This results in a superior aesthetics, a better smile and a healthier biting position. This is known as **interceptive orthodontics** or **functional jaw orthopaedics**. The objective is to predict growth and identify irregular or inadequate development. The goal is to produce a broad toothy smile, healthy joints and an attractive profile (good bone structure).

How your children benefit from early intervention:

- no extractions
- easy treatment
- good facial features
- attractive smiles
- healthy joints
- good age for treatment
- great confidence and self esteem

**A lifelong smile to be proud of!**