

FISSURE SEALANT

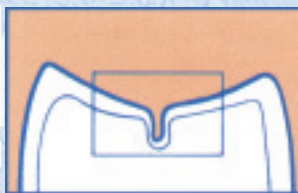
Your child has **PERMANENT** teeth which could benefit from the placement of a fissure sealant.

The biting surfaces of back teeth are shaped like "hills and valleys" known as cusps and fissures. Toothbrush bristles are unable to get into the narrow fissures to remove plaque and bacteria which produce acid when sugar is eaten, causing decay.

To help prevent decay, the fissures are sealed over with a fissure sealant, which is a plastic coating. This means your child's back teeth (molars) will be less likely to need fillings at a later date.

Placing a fissure sealant is a painless procedure as there is no cutting away of tooth tissue – no drilling.

Regular dental care should still be encouraged to provide and maintain oral health.



The grooves (fissures) in the surface of back teeth are major sites for dental decay.



Unfortunately a toothbrush cannot properly clean all the plaque from these grooves.



Acids produced in the plaque can cause dental decay.



These grooves can be protected by a hard plastic coating called a fissure sealant.

