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Dear Parent(s):

In an effort to make your child's visit with us a positive experience, I respectfully request that you adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Please do not try to describe the procedure to your child. I explain everything to your child beforehand using age relevant and non-threatening language.
2. Please do not use negative words in conjunction with forthcoming or recently complete procedures. Questions like, "Did it hurt?" or "It'll only sting a little" cause children to associate fear and pain with the dental treatment.
3. Please be positive in your own attitude about the dentist.
4. Please refrain from accompanying your child back to the treatment room. The question "Do you want Mommy to come with?" causes a child to infer that she/he needs protection from the dentist/hygienist because something scary is about to occur. I have also found that children tend to "check" with the parent to see if they have to "listen" to the dentist. This can become very confusing for your child when two adults are usually conflicting directions.
5. Please be aware that immediately after our child has been examined, I will inform you of any findings and obtain your consent before any definitive treatment occurs.
6. Please be aware that to ensure the absolute safety of your child, I occasionally find it necessary to use voice control. A change in the tone or volume of the voice is an accepted standard of behavior modification in Pediatric Dentistry. Please be aware that your child will not be physically restrained to render treatment. If I deem your child uncontrollable in a conventional dental setting I will dismiss him/her. This is not done to inconvenience you, or to punish your child in anyway but to ensure his/her safety. Subsequently, I will be glad to refer your child to a dental specialist for children.
7. Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns, or you may meet with me prior to your child's visit. Thank you for your attention and cooperation to this matter.

I, _____, have read and understand the above and agree to treatment for my child, _____.