

KEEP MANCHESTER SMILING

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‘Keep Manchester Smiling’ is a community oral health education project delivered through a partnership between the University of Manchester, Manchester United Foundation and Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust. The project involves undergraduate dental students visiting local primary schools to deliver fun, interactive sessions that help children understand how to look after their teeth and maintain good oral health.

During each visit, dental students give age-appropriate presentations covering topics such as brushing teeth, making healthy food and drink choices, and the importance of looking after teeth from an early age. Each child also receives an oral health pack containing a toothbrush, toothpaste and simple information leaflets, allowing them to continue putting what they have learned into practice at home.



The project began as a student-led pilot during the 2024–25 academic year, led by undergraduate students Shivani Chohan and Sana Thagia. Following the success of the pilot, support from FBMH Social Responsibility funding enabled the project to continue during 2025–26.

To date, ‘Keep Manchester Smiling’ has reached almost 1,000 primary schoolchildren, with plans to continue and expand the programme during 2026–27.