

Baby Teeth

When do baby teeth come through?

Baby (deciduous) teeth start to come through the gums at around six months. By three years a child has a full set of 20 baby teeth. A baby tooth is in the mouth for up to 12 years before it falls out. The table below shows the age the teeth come through.

Type of tooth	Age
Front teeth	6-12 months
1st back molars	12-20+ months
Baby eye teeth	18-24 months
Baby second molars	24-30 months

Why are 'baby' teeth important?

- Healthy baby teeth are crucial in helping your baby learn how to speak properly.
- Healthy and nice looking teeth are important in building self-confidence and self-esteem.
- Baby teeth provide space for the permanent teeth.
- Baby teeth are important in proper feeding and nutrition.
- There is a potential link between the number of cavities a child has and the probability of the child being underweight.

Therefore, baby teeth need to be cared for to remain in good condition and free of tooth decay until they fall out naturally.

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