

## The Great tooth brush packs take home project

Who would have predicted that a global pandemic would have seen the world shut down and schools close for 5 months?

People in need became isolated and even more in need of help during these difficult times. With schools closed the Dental Wellness Trust spent these months delivering toothbrushes, pastes and soaps to those we could help. This included homeless shelters, the elderly, hospices, hospitals and food banks.

September saw the return to schools for all children along with the government advice that supervised tooth brushing programmes could restart. However, with every aspect of the school's day having to be made Covid safe as well as organising the children's interaction and learning, many schools decided to delay the restart of the brushing programme.

Daily tooth brushing is still our number one priority, so we were able to provide over 2000 children with take home toothbrush packs. This came with donation of supplies from Colgate and their Bright Smiles, Bright Futures campaign. We delivered to our enrolled nurseries and schools in Luton, Newham, Crawley and others within London.

The staff and children were delighted with their tooth brush packs and all hope to be brushing back in school after October half term or in January.

