

At our practice our team will supply you with enough information on how to care for your orthodontic appliance to avoid delays in treatment and minimise loss of surgery time through repeated appliance breakages.

In our practice we will:

- Communicate with patients in a courteous, friendly, professional manner
- Educate patients on the importance of good oral hygiene
- Explain the commitment required for orthodontic treatment to be effective
- Make sure that patients receive information about how to care for their orthodontic appliance
- Provide orthodontic appliance instructions

In return, we would like you to:

- Participate in your orthodontic treatment, particularly by following any advice about preventing orthodontic appliance breakages and diet that we have given you
- Follow the instructions given in your Treatment Consent Form
- Eliminate hard and sticky foods from your diet whilst undergoing orthodontic treatment as such foods are the cause of repeated appliance breakages

In the event that there are appliance breakages on three separate occasions, a formal verbal warning will be issued, informing you that treatment will be discontinued if a further breakage occurs.

The practice will take the time to provide repeated instructions in detail, on how to avoid further breakages. Please note 'Breakages' means brackets/tubes off - wires out in the early stages don't count.

If further breakages occur, two options will be offered:

1. Appliance removal and discharge.
2. Appliance left in situ with referral back to the GDP with a suggestion of onward referral.

A further appointment is made to action the above choice at which a parent should be present.

A letter will be sent to your General Dental Practitioner outlining the above.