



Appointment Management and Cancellation Policy

It is the aim of this practice to provide quality dental care to our patients and to use clinical time effectively. To achieve this aim, we have an appointment management and cancellation policy.

Management of appointments

We invest in the latest technology, including modern telephone equipment and we offer an online booking system for New patient appointments, Direct access Hygiene appointments and Invisalign consultations to allow our patients to make appointments easily. Our appointment system supports timely access to care and treatment, allows patients to access services at a time that suits them and minimises the length of time people have to wait. These appointments can be made Either by calling our dedicated appointments line on 0117 9240678 or by accessing our online booking form at <http://www.promenade-dental.co.uk/>. Appointments can be rescheduled by calling the practice or by sending an email to Info@promenade-dental.co.uk.

Reminder

E-mail/Text reminders are sent to patients 2 days before any appointment and its is the patients responsibility to inform the practice of any changes to their contact details.

Cancellation or delay of an appointment by the practice

We will only cancel or delay a patient's appointment in unavoidable circumstances. In such cases, we will take the following steps:

- The patient will be contacted as soon as the practice is aware of the need to cancel or delay the appointment. We will explain the reason for the cancellation or delay
- At the time of contact, the patient will be offered a new appointment at the earliest time available
- If the patient is unable to commit to a new appointment during that contact, we will ask them to get in touch at a later time, when we will offer them a priority appointment

Cancellation of an appointment or missed appointment by a patient

Patients are requested to give at least 24 hours' notice to cancel a dental appointment. Cancellations should be made by telephone on: 0117 924 06 78. Late cancellations and missed appointments may represent a cost to the practice, when other patients could have been seen in the time set aside for the patient.

England: We do not make a charge for NHS patients for a late cancellation or missed appointment. However, we reserve the right to ask a patient to find another dental practice if they continue to miss appointments.

If the initial new patient consultation or two NHS dental appointments are missed or cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice, we do not guarantee being able to complete a patient's NHS treatment or offer them NHS treatment in the future.

There is a fee for private dental appointments that are missed or cancelled with less than 24 hours' notice. The fee is based on the length of the appointment and can be found in the private fees list. If a deposit has been taken for an appointment then this will be non refundable if the appointment has either missed or cancelled with less then 24 hours notice.

It is our aim to telephone or email/text the patient to inform them of a missed appointment and to inform them about any fee or decision about their NHS dental care. We understand that cancellations are sometimes unavoidable due to illness or emergencies and we will take account of all valid circumstances.



Any appeals about missed or cancelled appointment decisions by a patient should be made in writing to the Practice Manager, Helen Williams.

