

# Orthodontic Department

## Retainers

1. Now that your teeth have been straightened, you have been provided with retainers to keep your teeth in their new position. It is now **your responsibility** to wear your retainer(s) as directed in order to prevent your teeth from moving back towards their original position. If you do not wear your retainers your teeth are likely to move again.
2. Wear your retainer(s) as instructed below – you may remove them for eating if you prefer, however you must replace the retainer once finished your meal.
3. Take your retainer(s) out for cleaning your teeth, contact sports and swimming – when out of your mouth it should be kept safely in your retainer box.
4. Clean your retainer(s) thoroughly each day with toothbrush and toothpaste. You may use a retainer cleaner (e.g. Retainer Brite) for an extra clean if you wish.
5. You may experience some speech difficulties for the first 4-5 days of wearing your retainers, but this will disappear.
6. If you have any dental treatment carried out e.g. new fillings, crowns or bridges and you find that your retainer no longer fits, please contact the department for an appointment immediately on **01784 884650**. Likewise if you lose or break the retainer please contact us immediately.

**Please note: If you lose your retainer(s) there will be a charge of £80.60 for each appliance lost, i.e. if you lose both appliances it will cost £160.20 to replace them.**

**Please bring your retainers with you to all orthodontic appointments.**

## Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Experience Team on 01932 723553 or email [asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net](mailto:asp-tr.patient.advice@nhs.net). If you remain concerned, the team can also advise upon how to make a formal complaint.

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