

### **Bitewing X-ray**

A bitewing x-ray is a radiograph taken inside the mouth to show the biting surfaces of both upper and lower teeth.

This x-ray helps to detect decay occurring on the biting surfaces of the teeth and the decay which is generally hidden below the areas of teeth where they contact the adjacent tooth. The x-ray is held in place in the mouth by biting on a plastic film holder.

There are published guidelines for taking any dental x-rays. Every patient is risk assessed and the x-ray is prescribed appropriately.

### **Bonding**

This means the binding together of various substances such as gold and porcelain or certain filling materials and the surface of the tooth.

Where the bonding is between tooth enamel and a filling material, an unfilled resin is used to assist the mechanical adhesion of the resin material.

Bonding may also be carried out with an adhesive substance e.g. glue or cement

Our practice uses a variety of bonding materials according to the treatment required.

### **Bracket**

A small metal, plastic, or ceramic attachment which serves to fasten an orthodontic wire to the teeth or to a band around the teeth. There are many different sorts of brackets, and your orthodontist will select the one suitable for your case.

They can be metal or ceramic. The ceramic ones tend to be tooth coloured.

### **Bridge**

In dental terminology, a bridge is a fixed prosthesis to replace one or more missing teeth, to restore the function, form or aesthetics of the mouth.

It is also known as a fixed / non-removable partial denture. Bridges are supported and held in position by attachments to adjacent or remaining teeth.

There are many different types of bridges including fixed, fixed-movable, cantilevered, Maryland, rochette, spring, cantilevered, acid-etched, porcelain bonded, and many others common materials used in their construction include gold and precious metals and their alloys, and porcelain and ceramics.

Teeth generally need to be prepared before a bridge can be provided and this will include altering the shape of the teeth, taking impressions and models of the mouth and jaws, and other procedures, so that the bridge can be constructed in the laboratory.

Radiographs will also be required to check the stability of the remaining teeth and associated structures.

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