



Dental Information Fact Sheets

Teething

- Teething is a normal part of every child's development.
- It starts when the first baby tooth cuts through the gum, at about 6 months and can continue until a child is 3 years of age.
- When babies start to teethe they drool more and want to chew on things. For some babies teething is painless; others may experience brief periods of irritability. The gums may appear red and swollen and, if pressed, may feel hard and pointed.
- If a child is uncomfortable when they are teething, offer them a teething ring.
- If there are other symptoms like fever, diarrhoea or rashes seek medical attention.

