

## REMOVABLE ORTHODONTICS APPLIANCES

- 1. Wear your appliances day and night, all the time or at least 16 hours per day.
- 2. Brush your teeth and the appliance with your toothbrush and toothpaste after each meal.

## Never place in boiling water or use bleaches to clean!

- 3. With any new appliance there may be an initial difficulty in speech and a plastic taste from the appliance. Both should disappear within a few days.
- 4. You may also be aware of excess saliva initially; this however will regulate as you continue to wear your appliance.
- 5. For the first few days of having your new appliance there may be some soreness to the teeth however this will get better.
- 6. Persevere and if you are still experiencing discomfort after a week of fitting the appliance, please contact your orthodontist. In the initial stages Nurofen should be sufficient to control the discomfort.
- 7. When you are not wearing the appliance make sure it is kept in the provided plastic container.
- 8. Be especially careful around animals as they are attracted to the food smell of the appliance, and they may chew it and damage it.
- 9. DO NOT use your tongue to flip or play with the appliance as this will loosen it.
- 10. Sticky foods such as gum, caramels or toffees should also be avoided as they too will loosen the fit (if the appliance is designed to be worn whilst eating).
- 11. Please call our office immediately if the appliance becomes loose, bent or broken. There will be no charge applied in this case; however, it might be if the appliance will be broken more than three times.