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Dear Parent,

Unfortunately your child has had an accident that has injured one or more primary (baby) teeth. We understand this can be very traumatic for you and your child. Sometimes this type of injury requires stitches, splints, repositioning of teeth, nerve treatment, and/or extraction. We want to assure you we will care for your child's injury in a competent manner.

When a tooth is hit, several things may occur:

1. The tooth may become loose.
2. Bleeding may occur around the tooth.
3. The tooth may be pushed out of position.
4. The tooth may become discolored.
 - a. If bleeding occurs inside the root canal, the tooth usually turns dark about two weeks after the accident. This is not associated with bleeding around the gum at the time of the accident. This requires careful observation for several weeks to determine possible treatment needs.
 - b. If it should become progressively darker, it should be checked, as instructed by Dr. Ashcraft.

After your visit with Dr. Ashcraft, you will need to watch for the following symptoms:

1. Pain at odd times (without stimulation; that is, when not eating food or drinking cold liquids.)
2. A fistula (pimple-like area) or pus draining from around the tooth.
3. Increased or continued mobility - compared to the other teeth.

One or more of the above symptoms will require treatment. You will need to contact our office for an appointment, (803) 279-9901.

Dr. Ashcraft will want to see your child 2 to 3 times during the next 2 months.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions about your child's injury or progress.