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Dear 

**Re: Official Information Act request – school dental statistics**

Thank you for your Official Information Act request received 27 July 2018 seeking from Waitemata District Health Board (DHB) average decayed missing filled teeth (dmft/DMFT) scores and the percentage caries-free (without dental decay) for five-year-olds and nine-year-olds at Stella Maris School (Silverdale).

In response, please see the table below outlining the requested oral health data for children enrolled at this school.

Age	Children (n)	% caries free	Average dmft	Average DMFT
5-years	15	73.3%	1.53	N/A
9-years	31	45.2%	1.61	0.10

I trust that this information meets your requirements. Waitemata DHB, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare.

This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider this.

Yours sincerely

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