

## Crowns – to create gorgeous smiles



Crowns are full covers for the remains of a tooth. They can be constructed in gold, gold covered in porcelain or in strengthened porcelain materials that can appear almost invisible to the naked eye. The decision about which type of crown you may need will be discussed with you.

Recent techniques such as the AGC crown have been developed which combine the strength of a metal-based crown with the excellent appearance of an all porcelain crown and these crowns have a 99.9% gold base.

For certain cases an all porcelain crown using a strengthened tooth coloured material called Zirconia as its base can be used. This material can be as strong as a metal based crown and can even be used to make small bridges. We use a selection of systems such as LAVA and Procera based products. We use master ceramists for this type of dental work who ensure we use a material suitable for your smile – and they may be based locally in London, Watford or even as far away as California – depending on what technique we choose to restore your teeth.



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Crowns and onlays are often the best way to strengthen a tooth which has previously needed root canal treatment or has a large filling which is cracked or broken and needs replacing.

Please feel free to ask us whether contouring would be suitable for your teeth prior to crowning and visit our web sites picture galleries.

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And that's all part of being healthy.**





## Bridges – To replace your missing teeth

Replacing missing or lost teeth permanently can be achieved using the teeth either side of a 'gap.'

The two common types of bridges are the 'Fixed' type and the 'Adhesive' type.

In a "fixed bridge" the two teeth either side of the gap are prepared for crowns. This technique gives maximum strength.

In an "adhesive bridge" the replacement tooth is glued on to the adjacent teeth with little or no tooth preparation. This can be suitable on occasions when the way your teeth meet allows us to place a thin sliver of metal behind your teeth either side of your missing tooth.

The natural teeth that support a bridge need to be healthy and it is very important to look after the teeth and gums in order to make the bridge last for years.

Bridges can be very successful, though dental implants may be a more suitable alternative when the teeth either side of the missing tooth can not to be altered or are unable to take the extra biting force of your replacement tooth.



*Replacing missing teeth will rejuvenate your smile*

Please feel free to ask whether any of these options would be suitable for your

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