

What is a dental Crown?

A crown is used to restore teeth that are broken or weakened to improve their appearance and prevent further damage. Crowns are made from porcelain and/or metal designed to match your natural teeth.

Some of the most common benefits include

- Increased strength
- Protect from further decay
- Improved appearance

A dental crown may be needed to

- Protect weak teeth
- To hold together a cracked tooth
- To protect a decayed tooth
- To cover a tooth that has been treated with a root canal
- To replace an old large filling that has failed
- To help hold a bridge or denture firmly in place

Potential risks

- Sensitivity - following the fitting of your crown, this is often temporary
- Discomfort – sometime the bite may need to be adjusted
- Fractures – while crowns are durable, chipping can occur when biting on hard objects



The procedure

First your dentist will prepare the tooth by removing any decay and damage. Your dentist will then take an impression of the tooth. You and the dentist will then decide on the right shade your crown should be. Your dentist will then cover your tooth with a temporary crown. The impressions will be sent to our dental labs where the technician will create your crown, this usually takes two weeks. Once the crown is made your dentist will cement it to your tooth, checking it fits correctly by checking your bite.

To ensure your temporary crown lasts for two weeks avoid eating on the same side for 48 hours, do not eat any sticky foods and avoid flossing around the area.

What is a dental Bridge?

If you have a tooth missing a bridge may be the answer. A bridge consists of two or more crowns that fit either side of the gap, alongside a false tooth in between.



Some of the most common benefits include

- A bridge will prevent remaining teeth from drifting into the empty space

- A bridge will restore your smile
- It is a cheaper alternative to a dental implant

Potential risks

- Sensitivity - following the fitting of your bridge, this is often temporary
- Discomfort – sometime the bite may need to be adjusted
- Fractures – while bridges are durable, chipping can occur when biting on hard objects

The procedure

First your dentist will prepare the adjacent teeth and will then take an impression of your teeth. You and the dentist will then decide on the right shade your bridge should be. Your dentist will then cover the affected teeth with a temporary crown. The impressions will be sent to our dental labs where the technician will create your bridge, this usually takes two to three weeks.

Once the bridge is made your dentist will cement it to your tooth, checking it feels comfortable by checking your bite.

To ensure your temporary crowns last for two weeks avoid eating on the same side for 48 hours, do not eat any sticky foods and avoid flossing around the area

If you would like to know more about crowns and bridges please contact us on 02476382158 or manordental@holywellhouse.co.uk