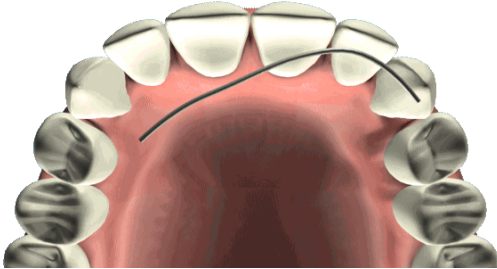


# BONDED WIRE RETAINER



**Q** What is a bonded wire retainer?

**A** A bonded wire retainer is a small wire glued to the inside of the top or bottom front teeth.

**Q** How does the bonded retainer work?

**A** As the wire retainer is both fixed to the teeth but still flexible it prevents the teeth moving out of line after a brace has been removed.

**Q** Will it hurt?

**A** There should be no pain or discomfort.

**Q** How do I clean my teeth & the retainer?

**A** Extra care must be taken when cleaning your teeth and the wire retainer.

**Q** How long will the retainer need to be in place?

**A** As long as the retainer is intact it is better to leave it in place. Removal may allow the teeth to move even years later.

**Q** Will there be any permanent damage?

**A** Poor cleaning and too many fizzy drinks can cause permanent decay marks. **The importance of thorough brushing and the use of a fluoride mouthwash cannot be emphasised enough.**

**Q** How often should I return for check-ups?

**A** The retainer can be checked by your family dentist at your usual check ups.

**Q** How successful will it be?

**A** Occasionally the wire retainer will need repairing or replacing. Your dentist at your regular check ups will discuss this with you.

