

Is there any visible signs of caries when the tooth has been cleaned and when viewed wet

No

Yes

Is there undermining discolouration of the dentine – this is often seen better when wet

Yes

Code 4



Dry tooth for long enough to dehydrate any possible lesion (approx 5s)

Is there any opacity /discolouration at the entrance to the fissure?

No

Code 0

Sound

Yes

Code 1

First visible sign of caries

Is there a microcavity or obvious cavity?

No

Is there a distinct opacity at the entrance to the fissure or slightly beyond

Yes

Code 2

Yes

Is dentine visible at the base of the cavity

No

Code 3

Microcavitation

Yes

Is more than half of the crown involved in caries

No

Code 5

Yes

Code 6