

## **Elastics**

- 1. You must wear your elastics at least 23 hours per day to move teeth efficiently. Remember that anything less than 23 hours is an excellent effort; however, it yields almost no movement. You may eat with elastics in, except while wearing midline elastics.
- 2. Carry spare elastics with you at all times. We also recommend keeping a bag at home, and one at work/school. If you run out between appointments, please return to the office to pick up more.
- 3. Change the elastics at least twice per day.
- 4. As with any new force, elastics may create some soreness. The soreness lasts a few days and will go away if the elastics are worn as directed.
- 5. Refer to diagram as to where the elastics are to be worn.
- 6. Please call if you have any concerns.

