

St Margaret's NEWS

October 2019



Get the jab – Get flu safe

NHS

We are currently vaccinating
Call reception to book an appointment

Nationally there has been delays with the vaccine delivery this year. Currently the under 65's vaccine is 2 weeks delayed. We have some stock and are awaiting our next delivery.

Rest assured we are contacting suppliers daily and arranging clinics as soon as we can confirm delivery dates.



5 reasons to vaccinate your child against flu

- 1. **Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. **Protect you, your friends and family.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. **No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. **It's better than flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. **Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

What should I do?

Children aged two and three years old are offered this vaccination in general practice. Your child's GP surgery should contact you. If you haven't heard from their GP by early November, contact them directly to make an appointment. Children in reception class and school years 1, 2, 3 & 4 will be offered the vaccine at school. Your child's school will provide details from the local healthcare team.

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

STAY WELL
THIS WINTER



Public Health
England

Children aged **2** and **3** on 31 August 2019 – that is, children born between **1 September 2015 & 31 August 2017** can be booked into the surgery to receive a nasal vaccine.

All children in school years reception, 1, 2, 3, & 4 will be vaccinated in school.

Those under 17 years of age with an underlying health condition can receive a vaccination at the surgery. Contact to arrange an appointment.

We will work hard to contact all those eligible so please make sure that your contact details are up-to-date.

Protected Together

#VACCINESWORK

If you miss your appointment

someone misses out



Despite our receptionists doing their best to accommodate patients needs, we are sure everyone has had times when they are unable to book appointments for when they want them. Patients who DNA (Do Not Attend) appointments are a large part of the problem we face at St Margaret's.

'Did Not Attend' April – July
108 Doctors' appointments
79 Nurses' Appointments missed

We see appointments for our doctors and nurses being missed daily, if you cannot attend an appointment **PLEASE** call us to cancel so that we can offer the appointment to someone who needs it. We monitor these missed appointments and will remove patients from our list if it is a frequent occurrence. For more details ask reception for a copy of our practice policy on missed appointments.



From September this year, boys in school year 8 will be vaccinated against HPV vaccine – These will be administered at schools.

The HPV vaccine

From September year 8 girls and boys will be offered the free HPV vaccine.

Look out for information from your children's school about the vaccine and timings for the jab.



The Value of Vaccines:
 Vaccines work and save lives.

Most vaccinations are offered free of charge in the UK. Remember, as well as protecting yourself, you're also protecting others by preventing the spread of disease.

In the UK we have a world-leading vaccination programme. Year after year our exceptional vaccine workforce continue to take us closer towards our goal of making sure all eligible individuals are offered protection by vaccines throughout their life.



NON- NHS WORK

Request for form completion, such as holiday cancellation forms, private insurance declarations, life cover including mortgage protection and private letters. The doctors will first and foremost always complete and respond to NHS work first, patient care and responding to medical needs will always take preference. Therefore any requests for *NON-NHS WORK* can take a while longer to complete, please be prepared to have to wait for this to be done.

Over ordering pills means **BIGGER** NHS bills!



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