

# Warwick Gates Family Health Centre

## PRACTICE NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the practice newsletter. This newsletter includes important practice updates and information. Please let us know if there is anything you would like us to include and this will be shared with the Partners and Patient Members Group.

### Stay Connected & Let Us Help

To make sure you never miss an important update from us, we recommend adding our Practice Number to your contacts list. This will ensure you don't miss a call or text from us.



**Practice Number:** 01926 461 800

### Keep Your Details Up-to-Date

Please make sure we have your most up-to-date contact information, including your phone number and email address. This helps us stay in touch with you quickly and easily whenever needed.

### Year 4 Medical Students

You may notice some extra faces in your appointments over the coming weeks. We're welcoming Year 4 medical students to the practice, led by Dr Tucker. Their involvement is an important part of training the next generation of doctors, and we appreciate your support in helping them learn.

### Practice Learning Time closures 2025:

GP Practices across South Warwickshire will be closed for important staff training from 12:30pm on:

- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

Training dates for 2026 will be included in our Winter newsletter once they have been shared with practice teams.



### Welcome to Dr Alawode

We're delighted to welcome Dr Alawode, who will be with us until February 2026. Dr Alawode is a fully qualified doctor undergoing specialist training in General Practice, working under the supervision of our experienced GPs.

### A Note From Dr Newsome

I'm excited to share that I'm currently learning sign language and have started **BSL Level 3**. This is something I feel passionate about, and I hope it will help me communicate more effectively with our patients..

If you would find it helpful, on-the-day appointments can be booked with me where I can use sign language during your appointment



### Missed Appointments



*Reminder*

\*Please remember to let us know if you no longer require your appointment\*

Month	Missed Appts
June 2025	76
July 2025	86
August 2025	77

It's important that if you are unable to attend your appointment, you let us know in plenty of time. This will allow us to utilise this for another patient.



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## Flu Season 2025/26

Influenza vaccination remains a critically important public health intervention to reduce serious illness and death in those most at risk, including older people, pregnant women and those in clinical risk groups. It helps the health and social care system manage winter pressures by helping to reduce demand for GP consultations and the likelihood of hospitalisation.

Protection from the vaccine lasts much longer in children; therefore, the priority is to start vaccinating all children from 1 September 2025 or as soon as the vaccine becomes available, which is currently beginning in mid-September 2025. This provides early protection to children and reduces transmission to the wider population. Please wait to hear from us, and we will ensure to invite those eligible when we are in receive the vaccine.

Pregnant women will also be eligible for the flu vaccine from 1st September 2025; there are three clinical reasons to vaccinate pregnant women against flu:

- To protect the pregnant women themselves (they are at higher risk from complications from flu)
- To protect the baby during pregnancy (for example, flu infection increases the risks of the baby being premature or stillborn).
- to protect the baby in the first few months of life (babies aged under 6 months are at high risk of complications from flu)

**Eligibility** for flu vaccination is based on the advice and recommendations of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI).

### From September 2025:

- pregnant women
- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2025
- primary school aged children (from Reception to Y6)
- secondary school aged children (from Year 7 to Year 11)
- all children in clinical risk groups aged from 6m to less than 18yrs.

### From October 2025:

- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 18 years to under 65 years in clinical risk groups (as defined by the [Green Book, Influenza Chapter 19](#))
- those in long-stay residential care homes
- carers in receipt of carer's allowance, or those who are the main carer of an elderly or disabled person
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- All frontline healthcare workers and frontline workers in a social care setting

**Invitations to book your flu vaccination appointment will be sent out from early September** so please look out for the **text message and accompanying link** which will allow **direct booking to an appointment of your choice**. Any patients without a mobile telephone will be contacted separately or feel free to contact the Surgery to book your Flu appointment; don't delay to ensure a safer winter for you and your families.



## MMR Vaccinations

Measles cases are rising in England and approximately 1 in 7 children starting school this year is not protected against measles.

The MMR vaccine gives long-term protection against measles, mumps and rubella.

The MMR vaccine is recommended for all babies and young children, but older children and adults can have it if they were not vaccinated when they were younger. Contact the practice to book.

**NHS**

**2 doses of the MMR vaccine can stop your child becoming seriously unwell with measles**

Make sure your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations



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