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**Greenside Surgery Website**

**www.greensidesurgeryrotherham.co.uk**

**PATIENT ONLINE SERVICES**

This practice currently offers patients’ facilities to:

Request repeat medications, book, cancel and view appointments and also view detailed coded record, including any sensitivities, allergies, list repeat prescriptions or medications.

**The Rotherham App** – Have you signed up yet? See receptionist for details

**Thursday-Education & training days**

**Closed from 12 Noon**

**Thursday 19th September**

**Thursday 10th October**

**Thursday 14th November**

**Thursday 12th December**

**Bank Holiday Closures**

**Wednesday 25th December**

**Thursday 26th December**

**Wednesday 1st Jan**

**Repeat Prescriptions**

**The best way to order your prescription is online.**

**If you have access to a computer, Tablet or smart phone its simple, please see Receptionist to set yourself up.**

**If you don’t then please use the following**

**• Drop it in at the surgery 8am-6pm**

**• Post**

**Unfortunately WE CANNOT take your prescription order over the telephone**

**Repeat Prescription will take 48hrs to process**

**Appointments and Open Access**

If you are attending “**Open Access**”

Please be aware:

These sessions are for **URGENT** problems that cannot wait for a routine appointment.

Please **AVOID** attending these for longstanding and Multiple problems.

**Due to time constraints, the doctor may decide to address the immediate issue and request you book another appointment for other routine problems.**

**Please be understanding if you are told to do so.**

**Extended Hours**

If you need to see a Dr out of our surgery open hours, we can offer you an appointment at a central GP Practice. You will not be seeing any of our Drs; however you will have an appointment to see **a** Dr. These are from 6.30pm-8pm evenings and weekends 8am-11am.

**Please see Receptionist for details**.

**Patient Participation Group**

Our meetings are Quarterly and the Dates are **Thursday 14th Feb 2019 4pm**

**Thursday 20th June 2019 4pm**

**Thursday 10th Oct 2019 4pm-rearranged**

**Thursday in February 2020 TBA**

New members are welcome. If you would like to join or ask any advice from our members, please ask at reception or email;

**www.greensidesurgeryrotherham.co.uk**

**Carers**

Are you looking after someone who without your help would struggle?

Come to our Carers information drop in

2nd Thursday of the Month

9.30-11.30

Greenside Surgery

Help including:

Emotional support, practical support, information on benefits and services, local and national sources of help.

Let the practice know your basic details and your medical records can be updated.

**NEW patient messaging service**

We have set up a new messaging service.

This will be used to confirm, remind and sometimes cancel appointments.

It is simple and easy to use, however please DO NOT free text anything back other than the response it asks for eg Cancel, these cannot be followed up on.

**Shingles Vaccination**

If you are aged over 70

Please see receptionist for details if you are eligible.

**Seasonal Flu**

It’s that time of year again please see receptionist for an appointment with our Health Care Assistant.

The children's flu vaccine is offered as a yearly nasal spray to young children to help protect them against [flu](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/).

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children, with potentially serious complications, including [bronchitis](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/bronchitis/) and [pneumonia](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pneumonia/).

**At what age should children have the nasal spray flu vaccine?**

In the autumn/winter of 2019-20, the vaccine will be available free on the NHS for eligible children, including:

* children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2019 – that is, children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2017
* all primary school children
* children aged 2 to 17 with long-term health conditions

**Who will give the children's flu vaccination?**

Children aged 2 and 3 will be given the vaccination at their general practice, usually by the practice nurse.

Children who are 4 years old are also eligible for flu vaccination provided they were 3 on 31 August 2019.

These children should be offered the vaccination at their general practice.

Primary school children will be offered their vaccination in school. In a couple of areas, it might be offered in primary care settings.

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**Pneumonia Vaccination**

Please see receptionist and check if you are eligible.

**Parking**

It is becoming increasingly difficult to park outside the surgery, due to the sheer volume of traffic and cars double parking. We have had numerous complaints from residents, and also from the emergency services trying to gain access. Please be mindful, when parking.