# Update 16/04/2021

As we enter the next phase of gradually getting back to some kind of normal.

We still have processes in place.

This is to keep you, our patients & our staff safe.

The following information will be for all patients entering the practice.

## Hygienist is back!!

We are pleased to announce that our lovely Hygienist Agnes is starting back fully vaccinated on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Agnes will carry out Hygienist work as before for £65.00 for 30mins. Agnes is also a Therapist and a Dentist and can carry out fillings, child Orthodontic extractions. So please book in and come and say Hi!

### Booking your Appointment

We have not sent letters out to patient as yet, as we have been extremely busy. If you are due for an appointment please do give us a call and we can book you in. At the moment we are booked up 3-4 weeks in advance.

You can download a medical history <u>here</u>. This will need to be completed and be brought with you on the day of your appointment.

Please make sure that we have your NHS number (This is not your NI number)

We also need to have your GP details as well.

#### **Emergencies**

We aim to see or at least Triage any emergency patients that contact the patient. If it's out of hrs please contact the 111 NHS service.

Day before Your Appointment

We'll call you the day before your appointment to check that;

- 1) We have received your Medical Health Form back.
- 2) You have no Covid-19 symptoms, or you have been with someone who has Covid-19 Symptoms.
- 3) Please also let us know if you have had the Vaccine as we can put this on the system.

## Day of your Appointment

Please make sure that you travel to us by foot or by car and avoid public transport if at all possible. If you do travel by public transport please wear a Mask.

Arrival to your appointment on time is important; if you are late we will be unable to see you. If you are too early we might be able to let you in until the time of your appointment.

When you arrive the door will be locked, so please press the doorbell to let us know you have arrived.

Please do not bring anyone with you to your appointment unless absolutely necessary.

You may bring parent/guardian or children if under the age of 16yrs.

Any other person apart from the exceptions above will be asked to wait outside the practice.

### Waiting Area

As soon as we let you in you will be given a mask to wear, you will then be given antibacterial Gel to use on your hands.

All our staff will be wearing a different type of PPE than you would have seen before, this is to ensure yours and ours safety.

We will check your temperature using a non-contact thermometer if this is 37.8'c or above we may re scheduled your appointment for a later date.

Unfortunately the bathroom at the practice will be closed to patients this is to avoid contamination. So please use the bathroom before you leave home.

We will ask you some questions when you first arrive to ensure nothing has changed from your pre-visit call.

Please stand 2m from the desk and avoid touching the plastic screens we have installed. You may approach to use the switch machine for contactless payments, if we did not take your payment over the phone.

# After your Appointment

If you develop symptoms of Covid-19 after your appointment please contact the practice to let us know. You then must follow the appropriate steps to get a test & then to self-isolate for 7 days if you live alone or 14 days as a household. Please see

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works

All other up to date Coronavirus information see here

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus