



Newsletter



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Welcome to the next edition of our practice newsletter. As well as keeping you informed of any changes happening at the practice, there is also some helpful information on some of the services we offer.

Your new patient journey

Your safety continues to be of the utmost importance to us, and we want to reassure you that patient safety remains our top priority.

Even though COVID-19 restrictions in the wider community have been eased, our COVID-19 protocols remain unchanged.

We continue to follow the guidance set by our regulatory bodies, who have not made any changes to the existing guidance.

Please ensure that you are wearing a face-covering (unless exempt) and sanitise your hands before coming up to reception.

The barriers, signs and floor markings will assist you in making your way to the wall-mounted thermometers which will check your temperature, and the reception team will then invite you to take a seat.

We are operating a one-way system around the practice to minimise patient contact, and we ask you to respect the social distancing measures in place throughout the practice.

We apologise that we are still unable to offer reading material or drinking water while you wait.

Baby Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to our dental nurse Charlotte and her husband Seb on the safe arrival of their firstborn; baby Hugo. We all miss having Charlotte here, but we are sure that she will be making lots of precious memories with baby Hugo while on maternity leave and not missing us at all!

First Aid Qualifications!

The practice team have recently refreshed their Basic Life Support Skills which is a compulsory requirement for all staff and must be undertaken on an annual basis. The team must all prove their competence in providing emergency first-aid, giving basic life support and using a defibrillator. (We hope that we never have to put these skills into practice).

In addition to this, the team has three qualified first-aiders; to ensure that there is always a minimum of one first-aider on site at all times.



Our First-Aiders - Liz, Lauren and Megan

New Bike Stands

We are delighted to have installed two bike stands outside of the front of the practice.

A few patients have requested bike stands, and now that the front garden has been upgraded, we have been able to do this.

We hope that you will enjoy your cycle to and from the practice!



The newly installed bike stands

The importance of Regular Dental Check-Ups for Children

Tooth decay remains the most common chronic disease in children, even though it is largely preventable. Therefore, teaching your child the importance of good oral care and setting up good tooth-brushing habits at a young age is an investment that will help your child's smile last a lifetime.

We aim to provide exceptional quality dental care for the whole family in a relaxed and friendly environment, and encourage parents to make visiting the dentist a regular and routine activity for their children. Research shows that preventive dentistry delivered on a regular basis greatly reduces the risk of dental disease in children and provides a platform for a lifetime of improved oral health.

We offer children's dental plans from between £3.83 per month for children up to the age of 5 years old, rising to £10.52 for older children up to the age of 18 years old. The plan covers all routine examinations, small x-rays and any necessary dietary and oral hygiene advice and is a great and inexpensive way to care for your child's smile.

Flexible Patient Finance

Have you been considering dental treatment, but are worried by the cost? Whether it is straighter teeth, or a brighter, whiter smile, we can help you.

We are aware that dentistry can be costly, especially with more extensive treatments such as root fillings, crowns and bridges or for cosmetic treatments such

as tooth whitening and orthodontics, including Invisalign invisible braces.

We offer a range of finance options, allowing you to choose the one that suits you best.

We can provide access to interest-free and interest-bearing finance options that allow you to spread the cost of treatment, making it more affordable and easier to achieve that perfect smile!

Examples:

Treatment cost (Cash price)	£2500	£5000
Amount of loan	£2500	£5000
Deposit	£0	£0
APR representative	0% APR	7.9% APR
Interest rate – fixed	0%	7.9%
Term (months)	12	24
Monthly payment	£208.33	£225.30
Total payment	£2500	£5407.16

To find out how you could benefit from this easy way to pay for the treatment you want, please speak to a member of the practice team.

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Our Promise and Commitment

We are committed to providing you with a quality service, and are always seeking to improve the services that we offer.

If we please you – take one of our business cards from reception, and tell your family and friends about us. If we don't please you – please tell us!

And finally, we sincerely hope that you and your loved ones continue to stay safe and well, and that brighter times are just around the corner.

