

# **Planning a Pregnancy**

It is best for your health to wait at least 18 months between giving birth and getting pregnant again.



Time Between Pregnancies Take Folic Acid 400mcgs every day. Do this before you're pregnant and until you are 13 weeks pregnant. This is to help your baby to grow healthily



If you, your partner or family smoke, it is important to ask for help to quit.



**Stop Smoking** 

Get medical advice if: You have a long-term health condition. You take medication. You think you need pre-pregnancy screening.



Trying for a Baby/Planning a Pregnancy

#### Contraception



Plan to stop using contraception. Some types of contraception can affect your menstrual cycle for up to 3 months.

## **Stop Alcohol**



Parents should stop drinking alcohol when trying for a baby, during pregnancy and reduce alcohol intake 12 months following birth

# Healthy Weight and Being Active

Being active and a healthy diet is important to maintain general health, emotional wellbeing and a healthy weight.

#### **Vaccinations**



Check with your GP that you are up to date with your immunisations. This includes MMR, Covid-19 and Flu.



# Useful resources

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