

# Planning a Pregnancy

It is best for your health to wait for 2 years 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



**Folic Acid** 

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.



**Health Checks** 

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

### Click the resource you wish to view

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Time Between Pregnancies

Trying for a Baby Factsheet

Plan your Postnatal Contraception

7 Steps To Help You and Your Baby

Your Choices When You Get Pregnant

Safe Spacing Between Pregnancies



**Folic Acid** 

NHS Folic Acid Supplementation

Healthy Eating and Vitamin Supplements in Pregnancy



**Stop Smoking** 

**Stop Smoking** in Pregnancy

Free 'Smoke free' app

Guide to Giving up Smoking



**Health Checks** 

Screening Tests for Sickle Cell and Thalassemia

NHS Planning your Pregnancy Screening for Hepatitis B, HIV and Syphilis

Infectious Diseases

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health and Planning a Pregnancy



Contraception

NHS Contraception Guide

Trying For a Baby

LMS Pregnancy and Birth Choices

What Contraception is Right For Me? Tommy's Planning a Pregnancy Toolkit Tommy's
Personalised
Pregnancy Tips

Tommy's Pregnancy Wellbeing Plan

Let's Talk About Sex



**Stop Alcohol** 

No Amount of Alcohol in Pregnancy is Safe NHS Drinking Alcohol in Pregnancy What Alcohol Does to Your Body



**Health Weight** and Being Active

**Active Pregnancy Foundation** 

NHS Exercise in Pregnancy

Physical Activity
Guidline for
Pregnant Women

**Eatwell Guide** 

Foods to Avoid in Pregnancy

Tommy's Tips for a Health Pre-Pregnancy Diet



**Vaccinations** 

Thinking of Getting Pregnant Leaflet Pregnancy and Vaccinations

Tommy's
Pregnancy and MMR
Vaccination