

Whooping cough

is currently circulating in young children, in the Broughton area.

Whooping cough can spread very easily. Babies and young children are most at risk.

Whooping cough symptoms are:

- Initially cold like symptoms, runny nose and sore throat
- rapid and uncontrolled coughing fits which often make a “whoop” sound
- Often babies don’t cough but instead turn blue or grey
- Struggling to breathe
- Bringing up thick mucus that can make you vomit

If you think you or your child has suspected whooping cough, please contact your GP for advice.

Please seek urgent medical attention if you or your child are finding it hard to breathe properly or your or your child's lips, tongue, face or skin suddenly turn blue or grey (on black or brown skin this may be easier to see on the palms of the hands or the soles of the feet).

The best way to protect your child from Whooping cough is vaccination.

Antenatal vaccination is the only way to protect newborns from whooping cough in the early weeks.

Pregnant women can be vaccinated antenatally from 16 weeks onwards – please contact your midwife

Babies can be vaccinated from 8 weeks.

Please check your child has been vaccinated – it will be in your child's RED BOOK vaccination page

If your child is not vaccinated or you are unsure, **please contact your GP to book an appointment.**

Salford GP's offer immunisation appointments both in their routine day clinics, as well as in extended hours clinics (weekends).