

MRF Media contact LANCASTER, Lancashire

Lancaster mother's warning: Babies under one hit hardest by meningitis and septicaemia.

Fiona Culleton

Son James Park suffered from meningococcal septicaemia in February 2006 aged 7 months. Thankfully James recovered, but has been left with severe after-effects. James starts school in September 2009.

Said Fiona: "My son James had meningococcal septicaemia in 2006 when he was just six months old. We took James straight to hospital when he developed a rash that wouldn't fade when a glass tumbler was pressed against it. James was in hospital for three days, but we were lucky that he survived. Babies under one are 38 times more likely to suffer from meningitis than older children and adults, and two babies die every week from these devastating diseases. Awareness of the symptoms is vital, that's why I'm supporting MRF's meningitis awareness week."

Willing to do: Press, Radio, TV

If you'd like to speak to Fiona, contact the MRF Communications team: 01454 281811