ADVICE FOR PARENTS

• Bulging fontanelle (soft spot)

As a parent you have great instincts, please do use them. If you feel that your child is unwell, or you are unable to care for them, seek medical help, this could be your local pharmacist, NHS111, GP, an Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) or A&E.

## Signs relating to

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	Appearance	Breathing/Chest	Hydration	Temperature	
• R S	Normal skin, lips and tongue colour Responding normally/still smiling Stays awake or wakes up easily Normal cry or strong cry Mild pain e.g. earache, cummy ache	<ul> <li>Breathing normally with no wheeze</li> <li>Mild cough or runny nose without affecting breathing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Baby feeding/child drinking as normal or slightly reduced</li> <li>Sick, but drinking and keeping most fluids down</li> <li>Diarrhoea for less than 2 days</li> <li>Passing urine, normal colour or slightly darker than usual</li> </ul>	• Mild temperature raised up to 38°C (101° F) but controlled if Paracetamol if given. Seek advice if temperature continues for 3-5 days.	<ul> <li>GREEN - CARE AT HOME</li> <li>Your local pharmacist or NHS 111 can give advice</li> <li>Check www.nhs.uk</li> <li>Consider Paracetamol</li> <li>Encourage rest and drinks, even if only in small amounts</li> </ul>
r • L • () • r • II • F • S	Child becoming worse/parents more concerned less activity/more sleepy than usual Change in normal behaviour/not acting in usual manner critable/no smile Pain e.g. persistent severe earache, severe tummy ache seek advice Mild/moderate allergic reaction e seek advice	Noisy breathing/ wheezy/fast breathing/ nasal 'flaring'	<ul> <li>Drinking less than half of usual amounts/vomiting most feeds</li> <li>Less wet nappies than usual/less urine or darker concentrated urine</li> <li>For babies under 1 year - sick more than 3 times in 24 hours, diarrhoea 6 times in 24 hours</li> <li>For over 1-year olds - diarrhoea for longer than 2 days</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Over 3 months - temperature over 39°C (102° F)</li> <li>Persistent temperature for more than 3-5 days or not controlled by paracetamol - seek advice</li> </ul>	AMBER - GP/NHS 111  • Phone your GP for advice and decision - this may be by telephone/video or face to face  • Call GP/NHS 111 if concerned  • If worried, always seek advice
• H • M • F • t • S • F • U • N • H	Collapse/unresponsive Hard to wake/floppy or listless Mottled blue or ashen skin Fitting (seizure) without \ Exemperature Severe allergic reaction/ Enaphylaxis Rash that does NOT disappear under pressure - (glass test) Neck stiffness High pitched, weak or Continuous cry Bile stained sick (green)	<ul> <li>Severe         difficulty in         breathing</li> <li>Grunting/very         fast breathing/         sucking in and         out between         ribs</li> <li>Breathless -         unable to talk         in sentences</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sunken fontanelle (soft spot)</li> <li>Very little urine/dry nappies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>0-3 months - temperature over 380 C (1010 F)</li> <li>Over 3 months - temperature over 39° C (102° F) and/or cold hands or feet</li> <li>Any child with a temperature below 36° C (97° F)</li> <li>Any child with a high temperature and fitting (seizure)</li> </ul>	RED - URGENT HELP REQUIRED  • Take your child to your nearest A&E department  • CALL 999 FOR BREATHING DIFFICULTIES OR A NON-BLANCHING RASH (rash that does not fade and lose colour under pressure—glass test)/collapse