

- ⇒ If you have a condition that does not improve or gets worse, please contact the surgery during opening hours on 01948 860205.
- ⇒ If you require information or advice which is non-urgent, you can telephone NHS Direct, a 24 hour advice line, on 0845 46 47.
- ⇒ **OUT-OF-HOURS COVER:** Medical advice is always available for emergencies at night, weekends and all bank holidays. If you require advice urgently, please call 01948 860205. The recorded message will give you the number to call for the GP Out of Hours Service.
- ⇒ **EMERGENCIES:** In the event of a serious problem, such as chest pain or collapse, call 999 immediately.

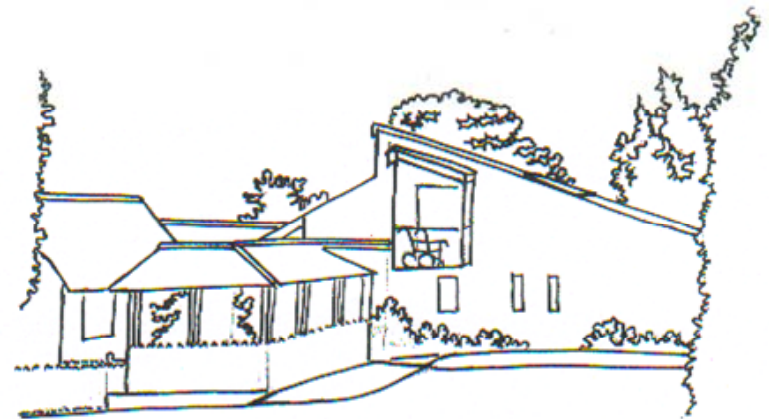


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**AFTER-CARE ADVICE ON  
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## Advice to Parents Following...

### **How will he/she feel?**

All children are different. MOST WILL NOT BE AFFECTED. You may notice a small area of redness and swelling around the injection site – this will slowly disappear. A small number of children may be unwell, irritable and develop a fever.

### **How will you know if your child has a fever?**

If a child feels hot to the touch and looks red or flushed, he/she probably has a fever (a temperature over 37.5° C). You can check this with a thermometer.

### **What should you do?**

- ⇒ Keep your child cool by removing layers of clothing (heat is lost through the skin). Wrapping up will raise the temperature.
- ⇒ Give your child extra drinks.
- ⇒ Gently sponge him/her with luke warm (not cold) water. Let the water dry on the skin.
- ⇒ Give your child Paracetamol e.g. Calpol, Disprol, Medicol or Infadrops. Read the instructions on the bottle carefully and give the dose appropriate for your child's age. For young babies (under the age of 3 months) give half the recommended dose e.g. 2.5ml of Calpol.



## ...Immunisation of Young Children

- ⇒ You may find a special medicine syringe useful for young babies for measuring small doses accurately. Ask your pharmacist for one. If necessary, you may give a second dose 6 hours later. If the temperature is still raised or they develop twitching or jerking movements, consult your doctor.  
**DO NOT GIVE ASPIRIN TO CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE.**

**Following MMR**, some children may develop a measles type rash or mumps type swelling 7 to 10 days after immunisation. **THIS DOES NOT MEAN HE/SHE IS INFECTIOUS.** He/she may be a little unwell during this time and Paracetamol liquid may be given if necessary.

**If, after any vaccination**, your child has a temperature of 39°C or above, **CALL A DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY.**

*For any further advice or information regarding immunisation, please contact the Health Visitors on Tel: 01948 860 643.*

