



Clinical findings	Green – low risk	Amber – intermediate risk	Red – high risk
Colour Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal colour of skin, lips and tongue Responds normally to social cues Content/smiles Stays awake or wakens quickly Strong normal cry / not crying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pallor Reduced response to social cues Wakes only after prolonged stimulation Infant (under 1 year) not feeding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue or grey colour Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake Clinical concerns about nature of cry (Weak, high pitched or continuous)
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None of amber or red symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RR 50-60 breaths/min if aged <12 months RR 40-50 breaths/min if age 1-5 years RR 25-30 breaths/min if age 6-11 years RR 20-25 breaths/min if age ≥12 years Mild/moderate respiratory distress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grunting or severe respiratory distress RR >60 breaths/min if aged <12 months RR >50 breaths/min if age 1-5 years RR >30 breaths/min if age 6-11 years RR >25 breaths/min if age ≥12 years
Circulation / hydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None of amber or red symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cold hands and feet in absence of fever Reduced urine output Not tolerating fluids 	
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None of amber or red symptoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fever for ≥ 5 days Swelling of limb or joint Non-weight bearing / not using an extremity Swollen eye A new lump ≥ 2cm Symptoms suggest UTI Symptoms suggest cellulitis Symptoms suggest scarlet fever Age 3-6 months with temp ≥39° (102.2°F) with no clear focus of infection Additional parental/carer support required Lower threshold for face to face review if significant chronic co-morbidities Recent return from malaria endemic area in preceeding 3 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 0-3 months with temp ≥38° (100.4°F) Seizure Rigors Non-blanching rash

Green Action

Provide Fever safety netting advice for children:
[fever advice sheet](#)

Confirm they are comfortable with the decisions/advice given
 Always consider safeguarding issues.

Amber Action

Consider video consultation
 and/or
 refer to primary care service for review

Red Action

Refer immediately to emergency care – consider whether
 999 transfer or parent/taxi most appropriate based on
 clinical acuity etc.