



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

**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.