

Traffic light system for identifying severity of illness			
	Green – Low Risk	Amber – Intermediate Risk	Red – High Risk
Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responds normally to social cues Content/smiles Stays awake/awakens quickly Strong normal cry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Altered response to social cues No smile Reduced activity Parental anxiety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not responding normally or no response to social cues Unable to rouse or if roused does not stay awake Weak, high pitched or continuous cry Appears ill
Skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal skin colour CRT <2 secs Normal skin turgor Warm extremities Normal eyes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal skin colour Pallor reported by parent/carer Cool peripheries CRT 2-3 secs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pale, mottled, ashen Cold extremities CRT >3 secs Sunken eyes
Respiratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Normal breathing <12m: RR <50bpm 1-5y: RR <40bpm O₂ sats ≥ 95% No chest recessions No nasal flaring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tachypnoea Moderate recessions May have nasal flaring <12m: RR 50-60bpm 1-5y: RR 40-60bpm O₂ sats: 92-94% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant respiratory distress Grunting Apnoeas Severe recessions Nasal flaring All ages: RR >60bpm O₂ sats: ≤ 92%
Circulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tolerating 75% of fluid Occasional cough induced vomit Moist mucous membranes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-75% fluid intake over 3-4 feeds Cough induced vomiting Reduced urine output 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% or less fluid intake over 2-3 feeds Cough induced vomiting frequently Significantly reduced urine output
Fever	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systemically well T <38°C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age 3-6m: T ≥ 39°C Fever for ≥5d Rigors Swelling of a limb or joint Non-weight bearing limb/not using an extremity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Age <3m: T ≥ 38°C Non-blanching rash Bulging fontanelle Neck stiffness Status epilepticus Focal neurological signs Focal seizures

All green	Any amber and no red	If any red
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be managed at home Give fever information leaflet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider same day review If you feel the child is ill, needs O₂ support or will not maintain hydration discuss with paediatrician on-call 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer immediately to emergency care – consider 999 Bleep paediatrician on-call Consider appropriate means of transport If appropriate commence relevant treatment to stabilise child for transfer Consider starting high flow oxygen support