

- **You must** follow the instructions provided in the leaflet supplied with your medicine bottle for the right dose for your child’s age. Your pharmacist can give you more advice about medicines.
- **Never** give aspirin to a child.

If your child has an illness which makes them very underweight for their age, talk to your doctor about the best doses for your child.

Source of information: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/immunisation/why-immunise/what-to-expect-after-immunisation-babies-and-children-up-to-5-years/>

Further sources of information

NHS Choices: www.nhs.uk/conditions
Our website: www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk

Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

King’s Mill Hospital: 01623 672222

Newark Hospital: 01636 685692

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If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net.

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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Vaccination (child)

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After immunisations given to children under 5 years of age

The most common side effects are at the site where the injection was given. These include:

- Redness
- Swelling
- Tenderness.

These symptoms usually pass within a couple of days, and you don't need to do anything about them. Sometimes your child may develop a fever. If you're still not happy with your baby's reaction to any immunisation, speak to your practice nurse or GP.

Comforting your baby

It's normal for your baby to be upset for up to 48 hours after having the injection. To help comfort your baby, you can:

- Give them a cuddle.

- Offer them extra cool drinks (if you're breastfeeding, your child may feed more often).
- Take them for a walk in the fresh air.

If the injection site is red, swollen or tender, put a clean cold cloth to the area for about 5 to 10 minutes – this may help to soothe your baby.

After the MMR vaccination

MMR is made up of three different vaccines (measles, mumps and rubella) which can cause reactions at different times after the injection.

Side effects after 6 to 10 days

After 6 to 10 days the measles vaccine starts to work and may cause a:

- Fever
- Measles-like rash
- Loss of appetite

Side effects at 2 to 3 weeks

At around 2 to 3 weeks after the injection the mumps vaccine may cause mumps-like symptoms (fever and swollen glands) in some children.

Side effects at 12 to 14 days

Most commonly around 12 to 14 days after the injection, the rubella vaccine may cause a brief rash and a slightly raised temperature. On rare occasions, a rash may also occur up to 6 weeks later.

What medicines should I use to help?

- You may use paracetamol or ibuprofen to help your child feel more comfortable.
- Paracetamol and ibuprofen should never be given at the exact same time. You may give either paracetamol or ibuprofen first and then, if your child has not improved by the next dose of the chosen medicine is due you may want to consider using the other medicine.