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Dear Parent

We have received a number of enquiries from parents asking about advice following infant vaccinations and obtaining paracetamol (Calpol®). Currently Public Health England suggests that routine immunisations *should* be given due to the serious infections that the vaccinations protect against. We will therefore continue to offer and give infant vaccines even if it is not possible to obtain any paracetamol.

If you are unable to obtain any paracetamol you may wish to consider the following:

- Fever can be expected after any vaccination but is more common when the MenB vaccine is given at 8 and 16 weeks
- If your child develops a fever after vaccination, the fever tends to peak around 6 hours after vaccination and is nearly always gone completely within 2 days.
- Ibuprofen can also be used to treat a fever and other post-vaccination reactions
- Information about treating a fever in children is available from the NHS UK webpage "fever in Children" at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/fever-in-children/)
- If your child still has a fever 48 hours after vaccination or you are concerned at any point please seek advice from the GP Surgery or from NHS 111.
- The diseases that the vaccines protect against are very serious and therefore we do not wish to delay them due to concerns around post-vaccination fever.

There have also been concerns that you may not know whether a fever in your child following immunisation is due to their immunisations or due to COVID-19. Indications to date suggest that COVID-19 causes a mild disease in infants and children. As has always been recommended, any infant with a fever after vaccination should be monitored and if you are concerned seek advice from the GP surgery or NHS 111.

We hope this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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