

Advice to parents following insertion of stitches

Your child has had a cut and stitches have been used to hold the edges to help it heal. They may be covered with a dressing.

Your child may complain of pain for a day or two after the cut has been stitched. This is not due to the stitches but the cut itself. Children's paracetamol can be given, following the dosage instructions on the bottle.

The stitches should be removed on.....by your GP or Practice Nurse. If there is a dressing, it should stay on and be kept clean and dry until that date.

You should contact your GP or Practice Nurse if any of the following occurs:

- If the cut is leaking and wets the dressing.
- If the dressing gets wet and falls off.
- If your child complains of the pain becoming much worse.
- If you see redness and swelling around the dressing.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at Accident & Emergency on **0131 312 0007**.

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