

Top tips when giving your child antibiotics

Your child has been sent home with antibiotics. It is important that you give the entire course that you have been prescribed. Some antibiotics are not pleasant to taste so you may need to look at various ways of administering.

1. Use a syringe to push in a small amount of antibiotic into your child's cheek. If your child has a dummy, you can use this as an aid to encourage swallowing of the medication
2. Offer your child a drink or something sweet to taste following the medication to help alleviate the after taste
3. If your child does not like taking the medication do not be tempted to give the whole dose at once as this will result in them spitting it out. Give it in small parts over 5 minutes
4. Position your child to optimise the ability to administer the medication if you are on your own. For example, you can cradle them and lay them back slightly. Also ensuring the child cannot use their hands to push away the syringe is beneficial

If your child has been sent home with antibiotics, you are still able to continue giving other medications such as pain relief.

How to get help and advice

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