

Is it Strep A?

Look for the rash

It has a 'sandpaper' texture. On pale skin it may appear red and have a rough texture. On dark skin it may not appear red, but it will have a rough texture.



Look at the tongue

Bright red with white coating, known as 'strawberry tongue'



Other symptoms may include:

- Temperature
- Headache
- Body aches
- Feeling sick
- Flushed red cheeks
- Dehydration

It can be difficult to tell the difference between 'Strep A' (invasive Group A strep iGAS) and other infections, such as strep throat and impetigo.

The bacteria that causes these infections can usually be treated with prescribed antibiotics.

Your GP may suggest a phone consultation to avoid spreading the infection.

Call 999 or go to A&E if your child is having difficulty breathing