

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Glue

Paediatric A&E

Instead of stitches, your child's wound has been closed using a medical tissue adhesive. It acts like a scab to hold the edges of the wound together and will flake off as the wound is healing.

The following points will help you care for your child's wound in the coming days:

- ✓ Let your child go to school as normal.
- ✓ Keep the wound dry for 5 days (dab dry if it does get wet).
- ✓ The wound will have the appearance of a dry scab and should be treated as such. On no account should you pick this wound, it will flake off as healing occurs.
- ✓ Do not apply oils, lotion or emollients. No swimming or soaking the area.

AFTER FIVE DAYS

You should:

- ✓ Wash the area as normal.
- ✓ Let your child go swimming as normal.

After 7-10 days, the adhesive glue will slough off naturally.

Bring your child back to the Accident & Emergency department if:

- ✓ The wound re-opens.
- ✓ You are worried about them.
- ✓ The appearance of the wound changes, becoming more red and inflamed or painful.

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