

Children's antimalarial dosage tables (1 of 2)

Child's weight in kg	Chloroquine base 155mg	Doxycycline 100mg	Mefloquine 250mg
Under 6.0	¼ tablet	Not recommended	See footnote*
6.0 to 9.9	½ tablet	Not recommended	¼ tablet
10.0 to 15.9	¾ tablet	Not recommended	¼ tablet
16.0 to 24.9	One tablet	Not recommended	½ tablet
25.0 to 44.9	1½ tablets	Adult dose from 12 years one tablet**	¾ tablet
45kg and over	Adult dose two tablets	Adult dose one tablet	Adult dose one tablet
Taken	Weekly from 1 week before entering risk area until 4 weeks after leaving risk area	Daily from 1 - 2 days before entering risk area until 4 weeks after leaving risk area	Weekly from 2 - 3 weeks before entering risk area until 4 weeks after leaving risk area

*The SPC for mefloquine states that it can be used for those weighing more than 5kg. Therefore, mefloquine ¼ tablet may be advised for children weighing 5 to 9.9kg.

**Doxycycline is unsuitable for children under 12 years irrespective of their weight.

Caution: Ensure the drug selected is recommended for the destination, chloroquine is not effective in areas with significant drug resistant malaria. Note that in other countries, tablet strength may vary.

See next page for Atovaquone / Proguanil combination preparation.

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Child's weight in kg	Atovaquone 62.5mg / Proguanil 25mg (Paediatric tablet)
5 to 7.9	½ paediatric tablet*
8 to 9.9	¾ paediatric tablet*
10 to 19.9	1 paediatric tablet*
20 to 29.9	2 paediatric tablets
30 to 39.9	3 paediatric tablets
40 or over	4 paediatric tablets - this dose is better given as 1 adult (250mg/100mg) tablet
Taken	Daily from 1 – 2 days before entering risk area until 7 days after leaving risk area

*Paediatric atovaquone / proguanil is licensed for children from 11kg in weight, UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Advisory Committee on Malaria Prevention (ACMP) guidelines allow use from 5kg.

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These dosage recommendations are taken from the UKHSA [ACMP guidelines for malaria prevention in travellers from the UK](#). The recommendations may differ slightly to the advice provided in the drug manufacturer's patient information leaflet.

Always store tablets out of children's reach; some of these medicines are toxic in overdose.