

## What should I do when my child is poorly?



Please call the school office to inform us when your child is unwell. If your child has good attendance (e.g. 96% or higher), we will not request medical evidence.

However, if your child's attendance is below 96%, we politely request that you provide medical evidence so that we can authorise your child's absence from school. This is important as it provides an evidence base (i.e. a clear picture) for your child's attendance across the year and can prevent any unnecessary future referrals to Stockton Local Authority.

To help support you, please see the examples of medical evidence below to evidence your child's absence from school - **YOU DO NOT NEED TO ASK THE DOCTOR DIRECTLY FOR EVIDENCE!**

### Examples of Medical Evidence

This can be photographed and sent to the school office via Class dojo/school email or alternatively can be brought into school in person.

#### We accept:

- Appointment cards
- Appointment letters
- Screenshots of NHS appointment texts
- Photo of the electronic booking in machines (hospitals and Doctors).
- Photo of the medication label
- A pharmacist visit receipt
- Or a pharmacist visit note or appointment card
- Photograph of the prescription before its cashed
- Photograph of the injury/illness (e.g. a chicken pox rash)