

## Requests for Medical Certificates for school children during term time.

### What your GP can and can't do for you



Your GP can provide additional medical information to the School's Health Service, in consultation with the parents and the child, **when recurrent short term illnesses affect attendance at school.**



Your GP will not provide short term sickness certification for your child's school for a non-recurrent short term sickness (less than 7 days) and cannot issue medical certificates for longer periods of sickness absence unless the patient was seen by the GP at the time of the illness.



Your GP is not obliged to provide sickness certification for students who miss an exam or believe their performance was affected due to illness.



When a child suffers from a long-term condition, any certification will be provided by the responsible specialist and should not be requested from the GP.

### What you can do



GPs are not required to provide certificates for children as the parent's explanation of the absence is generally sufficient for the purposes of the school. **Your GP is entitled to request a fee for this service.**



**Contact the specialist clinician responsible for your child's care** if your child has a long term medical condition and any certification is required.



**Contact the school's health service** if your child suffers from recurrent short term illnesses.

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