



# **MEDICAL EVIDENCE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL**

Sheffield Local Authority does not require (nor have they asked) parents to provide a Doctor's note for the time their child may be absent from school due to illness.

Schools will ask parents to provide appointment cards for routine appointments where the child needs to miss part of the day, but will not ask for doctor's notes to be provided.

Where a parent is at risk of being fined, or summoned to court for attendance concerns, and the parents feel the absences are as a result of a medical condition or illness, the Local Authority will write to the GP via the School Attendance Protocol which has been developed between Sheffield City Council and Dr Savage, Sheffield LMC.

