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Dear Head Teacher

**Re: Medical Certificates**

This is supported by Kent Local Medical Committee, the representative organisation of General Practitioners in Kent & Medway.

I understand that your school has asked parents to provide a medical certificate to validate their child’s absence. GP Practices are not funded to provide any medical certificates for absences from school whether for individual days or for longer absences. We would expect the school to accept the parents’ explanation of the child’s absence. Where the child has been seen at the practice they may be able to show you details of any prescription or appointment card. We would not expect any of our patients to book appointments solely for the purpose of obtaining a medical certificate when no treatment is needed.

Should your school require a medical opinion to support a child at school we would be happy to receive a request preferably from your school nurse so long as there is an adequate consent form attached.

I hope you will understand therefore that it was not possible for the GP to issue a medical certificate as requested on this occasion.

Yours faithfully