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Head Teacher: Mr Y Abdo  
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Date : XX/XX/XX

Dear XXXX

### Authenticity of Illness

You have informed us that your child was absent from school on XXXX to XXXX due to illness. However, as we have genuine doubts about the authenticity of the illness, we asked for medical evidence. We do not unnecessarily ask to see medical evidence but in this case it was deemed to be in the best interests of the child. As you have failed to provide medical evidence, **your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.**

**Under the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024, unauthorised absences can be used as evidence against you if legal action were to be considered by the Local Authority under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996. A penalty notice can be issued when the national threshold has been met (10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks).**

I hope that you will make the necessary arrangements to ensure that your child arrives at school on time in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Y Abdo  
Headteacher



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