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Dear Parents / Carers

As many of our health services are experiencing unprecedented levels of demand at the moment, to help parents and families access the right service a quick guide for parents and carers of young children has been put together to help you.

We have been asked to share a booklet with you called 'If your child is poorly' this is on behalf of the Service Director, Children's Health and Wellbeing at Wakefield Council.

- Many parents are choosing to attend A & E for minor illnesses, this is placing additional pressures on NHS Services. These illnesses can usually be managed at home or in the community and a trip to the hospital can usually be avoided.
- Since previous restrictions have been eased and children have begun to socialise more, A & E departments have reported seeing rising cases of minor childhood illnesses. On the last page of the booklet, there is a handy 'Choosing the right place to go for help' guide.
- Many services are still working differently due to Covid and this might mean that you will be offered a phone triage conversation or consultation in the first instance. You will still be able to access care whenever needed.
- If you suspect that someone in your family may have Covid symptoms, Parents are encouraged to access a test via the national service which is accessed via the internet or 119.

I know that with Omicron cases rising, we still remain in uncertain times, but hopefully you will find this guide helpful to keeping your family safe and well.

Yours sincerely

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