










Instructions for completing the bowel diary:

1. Please write the date at the start of each day and the time your child went to toilet.
2. Fill in the bowel diary every time your child sits on the toilet, soils or has medication.
3. Record the type of bowel action (refer to the 'Choose your Poo!' chart below).
4. In column three, place an **A** if your child is asked to sit on the toilet or place an **I** if your child takes his/herself or asks to go to toilet.
5. In column four write an **S** for soiling (dirty pants) and/or **W** for wetting accident.
6. In column five write any additional comments such as medication given and dose, size/amount of poo such as skid mark, smear or whole bowel motion and if there was any pain or straining. You can also include amount and type of fluid intake.
7. Keep a record for 14 days and take back to your health professional.

THE BRISTOL STOOL FORM SCALE (for children)		
Choose your Poo!		
type 1		looks like: rabbit droppings <small>Separate hard lumps, like nuts (hard to pass)</small>
type 2		looks like: bunch of grapes <small>Sausage-shaped but lumpy</small>
type 3		looks like: corn on cob <small>Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface</small>
type 4		looks like: sausage <small>Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft</small>
type 5		looks like: chicken nuggets <small>Soft blobs with clear cut edges (passed easily)</small>
type 6		looks like: porridge <small>Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool</small>
type 7		looks like: gravy <small>Watery, no solid pieces ENTIRELY LIQUID</small>

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