**Let's Talk about Poo**

1. **95%** of childhood constipation is idiopathic – i.e., it cannot be explained by anatomical or physiological abnormalities.

2. **Up to 30%** of children (up to the age of 19) experience constipation.

3. **Approximately 35 under 18’s** are admitted to hospital every day due to constipation.

4. **More than one third of children** with constipation develop chronic constipation.*

5. **29%** of 4 and a half year olds suffer with constipation.

6. **Constipation is chronic** when it lasts longer than 8 weeks.*

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