



## CONTACT PUPIL SUPPORT

Please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher if you wish to discuss any concerns regarding your child.

Getting in touch is the first step.

Pupil Support—715100

### **BGE S1-S3 Pupils**

Arran - Ross McClement

Cumbrae - Fiona Walker / Lorna

Mooney

Eriskay - Claire McDowell

Candice Leckie

### **Senior S4-S6 Pupils**

Arran - Alan Monaghan

Cumbrae - Gayle Mitchell

Eriskay - Catriona Sherry

Candice Leckie

STAY SAFE STAY POSITIVE

## COVID 19

After months of lost learning and limited social contact, it is essential that young people are back in school. If your child is struggling with school the important thing is to recognise there's a problem to be solved and to work with us to find the right support. Contact Pupil Support as a matter of urgency as your child needs to be in school.

## KEEPING SAFE

There are lots of procedures in place

- ⇒ Increased cleaning
- ⇒ Enhanced hand hygiene
- ⇒ Increased ventilation
- ⇒ Maximising use of outdoor spaces

**There are occasions when your child should not attend school. Pupils should stay at home if they**

- are self-isolating
- have had symptoms or a positive test result themselves.
- Have had close contact with someone who has coronavirus (COVID-19) or are awaiting a test.

If your child is unable to attend school for these reasons, you must let us know so learning can be provided through Microsoft Teams. This will ensure they do not fall behind.



# Inverclyde Academy Attendance and Punctuality





## ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance and positive time-keeping at school gives your child the best chance to develop good learning habits and a positive attitude to work.

It prevents your child having gaps in their learning and gives them the chance to achieve their full potential.

If your child is frequently absent they can begin to feel isolated and may find friendships difficult.

Where absence cannot be avoided, please call the school office as early on the morning of their absence to let us know that your child will not be at school (715100).

**If no call is received then your child will be marked as unauthorised.**

If your child's illness will keep them from coming to school for a few days, please contact your child's Pupil Support teacher.

## EVERY MINUTE MATTERS

If your child is late and this cannot be avoided then they must report straight to their class on arriving to school. If you know your child is going to miss the school bell at 8.50am then you must call the school reception as soon as possible (715100). **This will avoid their absence being recorded as unauthorised.**

## PUNCTUALITY

Why is it important for your child to be in school on time?

- Children spend such a short time in class so every minute counts
- The best time for learning is first thing in the morning
- The teacher issues notices and letters during registration each morning
- Some classes can be disturbed several times every day while the teacher deals with late-comers — this has a detrimental effect on the rest of the children in the class.

<b>When Your child misses just...</b>	<b>that equals...</b>	<b>which is...</b>	<b>Therefore over 6 years that is...</b>
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	almost one and a half weeks per year	almost ¼ of a year of learning lost at school
20 minutes a day	one hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	more than two and half weeks per year	almost ½ a year of learning lost at school
half an hour a day	½ a day of learning each week	almost 4 weeks of learning lost per year	almost ¾ of a year's learning lost at school
1 hour a day	one whole day of learning each week	almost 8 weeks of learning lost per year	more than a year of school learning lost