

## Why is school so important?

School supports our children and young people

To grow confidence and self esteem  
To experience success in their learning  
To understand responsibility  
To learn the benefits of contributing to school/community life  
To have fun and make friends  
To experience new things  
To gain qualifications

### Did you know?

Interesting Fact \*



Unsettled friendship groups, emotional and behaviour difficulties, unsuccessful learning and lower employment opportunities can result from poor attendance.

## Every Day Counts

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

Consider the following:

%	Days missed equivalent to	Impact
100%	0	Excellent Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start
95%	9 days 1 week & 4 days	Good Gives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start
90%	19 days 3 weeks & 4 days	Poor Less chance of success. Makes it harder to progress.
85%	27 days 5 weeks & 2 days (Almost half a term)	Very Poor Serious implications
80%	36 days 7 weeks & 1 days (Half a term)	Unacceptable Serious implications on learning and progress. Unacceptable
75%	45 days 9 weeks Almost a whole term)	

95% and above attendance is the target!

## We know your child can be off for a variety of reasons?

We understand that there will be times when your child can not attend school \*

Your child may be off if:

- they are ill
- attending a medical appointment
- Going to a Children's Hearing/Care Review or other service provider, e.g Social work
- Religious observance/cultural issues
- Exceptional domestic circumstances
- Bereavement
- Wedding or funerals of those close to the family
- Arranged absence of Gypsy/traveller families
- Participation in activities agreed by the school
- Family holidays, only agreed in exceptional circumstances
- During an exclusion
- Lack of transport due to bad weather
- Covid isolation

\* 'Included, engaged and involved part 1: promoting and managing school attendance' 2019

\*Inverclyde Attendance Policy

## Support is available

If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child into school, talk to us!  
Your child may feel anxious, worried or just not want to go.

We are here to help. **Contact Mr/s X**

Other agencies that can help:

*ParentLine Scotland*

*At some time all parents find that parenting can be difficult or stressful. ParentLine Scotland is the free, confidential, telephone helpline for anyone caring for a child in Scotland. You can call about any problem, however big or small. Phone: 0808 800 2222.*

*On line at: [www.children1st.org.uk/parentline-scotland](http://www.children1st.org.uk/parentline-scotland)*

*Childline*

*Children and young people can get confidential help about any question, concern or worry. Phone: 08001111.*

*On line at: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)*

*Enquire*

*Enquire is the Scottish advice service for additional support for learning and operates a helpline for parents, carers and practitioners. An interpreter can be arranged upon request. Telephone helpline Phone: 0845 123 2303.*

*E-mail: [info@enquire.org.uk](mailto:info@enquire.org.uk)*

*On line at: [www.enquire.org.uk](http://www.enquire.org.uk)*

## Knowing my child is safe!

We need to know your child is safe if they are not at school

### What **you** need to do!

Contact the office on the first day of absence (insert your process)

### What Lady Alice needs to do if we don't hear from you by 9.30 am.

- ⇓ Firstly a text will be sent to the main contact
- ⇓ If no response is received to the text a phone call will be made to the main contact
- ⇓ If there is no reply then we will contact your emergency numbers
- ⇓ If we are still unclear as to the whereabouts of your child then we may choose to contact other agencies who may wish to make a home visit to check all is well and your child is safe.

*Our priority in following all these steps is to ensure that your child is safe and well and are in line with Inverclyde's attendance & child protection guidelines.*

## Attendance Matters!



Lady Alice Primary

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