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| **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  Unsettled friendship groups, emotional and behaviour difficulties, unsuccessful learning and lower employment opportunities can result from poor attendance.  \* 'Included, engaged and involved part 1: promoting and managing school attendance' 2019  Did you know?  Interesting Fact \* | 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 | | 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) |   C:\Users\u444175\Pictures\animation\speech-bubble-4963618_1280.png  95% and above attendance is the target! | 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 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   \*Inverclyde Attendance Policy |

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| 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 their guidance teacher:**  **Ms Byrne along with**  **Kingston – Mrs Fitzharris**  **Glen – Mrs Greenlees**  **Ferguson – Mrs Brown**     |  | | --- | | **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.*  *Online 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.*  *Online 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*  Online 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:   * Phone 01475 715200 to give a reason for your child’s absence and how long you expect them to be absent. * Keep in touch with your child’s guidance teacher to inform them of how your child is doing and if you need support to get your child back to school.   What **Port Glasgow High School** needs to do if we don’t hear from you!   * 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 from **1130**. * If we are still unclear as to the whereabouts of your child then other agencies may be contacted (social work or police liaison) 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!**    Port Glasgow High School  Absence contact number:  **01475 715200** |

**Support is available**