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| **Why is school so important?** School supports our children and young peopleTo grow confidence and self esteemTo experience success in their learningTo understand responsibilityTo learn the benefits of contributing to school/community lifeTo have fun and make friendsTo experience new thingsTo gain qualificationsUnsettled 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' 2019Did you know?Interesting Fact \* | Attendance percentages can be misleading. Consider the following:

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| % | Days missed equivalent to | Impact |
| 100%  |  0 | ExcellentGives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying |
| 95%  | **9** days1 week & 4 days | GoodGives your child the best chance of success and gets them off to a flying start |
| 90%  | **19** days 3 weeks & 4 days  | PoorLess chance of success. Makes it harder to progress. |
| 85%  | **27** days 5 weeks & 2 days (Almost half a term ) | Very PoorSerious implications |
| 80%  | **36** days 7 weeks & 1 days (Half a term) | UnacceptableSerious implications on learning and progress.Unacceptable |
| 75%  | **45** days 9 weeks Almost a whole term) |

C:\Users\u444175\Pictures\animation\speech-bubble-4963618_1280.png95% 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  |

**We know your child**

**can be off for a**

**variety of reasons?**

**Every Day Counts**

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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**

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| **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 schoolWhat **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 SchoolAbsence contact number:**01475 715200** |

**Support is available**