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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 \* | **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 | | 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 know your child can be off for a variety of reasons?**  C:\Users\u444175\Pictures\animation\speech-bubble-4963618_1280.png  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*   \*Inverclyde Attendance Policy |

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| **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 Mrs Doherty or Mrs Ogilby.**     |  | | --- | | 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*  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 by:   * Phone call on 01475 715696 * Please do this between 08:30 and 09:15   What the **school** needs to do if we don’t hear from you by 9:30am!   * Firstly 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 contact other agencies who may decide 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!**    St Patrick’s Primary School  School Name: St Patrick’s Primary School  Absence contact/text number:  01475 715696 |