|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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 \* | **Every Day Counts** Attendance percentages can be misleading. Consider the following:

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

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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 SchoolSchool Name: St Patrick’s Primary SchoolAbsence contact/text number:01475 715696 |