



Community Services

Policy and Procedure on Deferred Entry, Retaining at Stage and School Leaving Dates

1. Introduction

This policy states Argyll and Bute Council's objectives for retaining children and young people at stage and educating young people beyond the age of 16.

2. Setting the context

There is a strong tradition in Argyll and Bute Council of promoting inclusion. This is clear through the Corporate Plan and the Single Outcome Agreement. Argyll and Bute Council is committed to providing the best possible services to our customers and communities; we take pride in delivering best value services; we are open, honest, fair and inclusive; we respect and value everyone.

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- x no one is disadvantaged because of their race or ethnic origin, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation, or religion or belief
- x the differences between people are valued and good relations between groups are promoted
- x people are treated fairly and with equal respect
- x informed assessments are made on the impact of policies and services
- x people are involved in the decisions that affect them and encouraged to participate in public life.

3. Background

A range of local and national guidance along with key legislation was considered before agreeing a policy on a school leaving age for all pupils.

3.1 The Education (Scotland) Act 1980 provides

- x WKH GHILQLWLRQ R In terms of Section 33 this means a person over school age (16 years of age) who is not yet 18 years of age
- x the two leaving dates for young persons leaving school in terms of section 33. For the summer term it is 31st the Christmas holidays for pupils reaching 16 before 1st March of following year

- x the right of a parent or young person to make a Placing Request and to appeal the decision to the relevant appeals committee
- x the power of a school to exclude a child or young person; and the right of a parent or young person to appeal the decision to the relevant appeals committee.

3.2 The Education (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Acts of 2004 and 2009 provide the following, (i

