

## Referral route/access route

### Gypsies and Travellers

Referrals are taken from Gypsies and Travellers, Education staff, any other agency, or authority.

### Interrupted Learning

Referrals for children who experience interrupted learning are taken from parents, school staff and other agencies.

Further information is available at [www.highlandschools-virtualib.org.uk](http://www.highlandschools-virtualib.org.uk)

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**Gypsies and  
Travellers and  
children  
who experience  
Interrupted  
Learning**

Information  
for  
Parents, Carers,  
Families, Children and  
Young People

## Who does the Service work with?

Highland Council staff work in partnership with parents/carers to ensure that the needs of children are supported.

The Council promotes an inclusive approach to service provision and takes account of individual needs and circumstances.

## Who is the service for?

The Interrupted Learning Development Officer works Highland wide in partnership with staff in Education, Health, Social Work, Housing and other agencies including the voluntary sector. The integrated services approach is employed to ensure consistency of approach in meeting the educational needs of Gypsies and Travellers, and children who experience interrupted learning.

## What is offered by the service?

- Advice & support to Gypsy and Traveller families about education
- Support to Gypsy and Traveller families in accessing school, nursery and other educational opportunities
- Consultation, advice and support for education staff and staff in other agencies
- Co-operative teaching
- Teaching support to individual/small groups of pupils
- Loan service of resources to schools, support staff and children and families
- In-service training

## How Service is offered?

The service is available to all families from a Travelling background. A multi-agency approach is employed to allow available support to be made known to Travelling families.

Decisions relating to individual children and families who experience interrupted learning are made in consultation with Head Teachers, Area Managers and the Support for Learning Teams.

The service is operated using current and impending legislation.

## Links with other services and agencies

The Interrupted Learning Development Officer operates within the Integrated Children's Services Framework which links together Education, Social Work and Health Teams.