



Scholastic Year 2023 – 2024

Welcome to Zabbar Primary B

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Welcome

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to welcome you to Zabbar Primary B and provide you with some useful information to guide you at the start of this new experience.

We are a community. With your help, support and cooperation, this new experience can be a most meaningful one for the children you will entrust in our care. Our school is committed to provide the best possible experience to our young learners, focusing on their holistic development. We aim to create a safe and nurturing environment in which the children can develop their full potential.

Your active involvement in your child's education is extremely important. If you want your children to succeed, then you need to invest time and energy. You need to be firm but kind. You need to give them space to make mistakes and hold them accountable for their mistakes. That is how they grow and develop into responsible adults. Remember that we are their role models. They look up to us. What we do will have more of an impact than what we tell them to do.

In our school **respect** is paramount. Because we are human beings, there will always be issues but **together** we will always find solutions to problems. We ask you to work with us in the best interest of your children.



Mr Charlot Cassar
Head of School

Our Vision

Our vision is to make our school a hub of professional excellence and innovative practices in education.

Our Mission

Our mission is to empower students to develop competences for life-long learning as active citizens in a diverse and democratic society.

Our Priorities

Our top priority is the holistic development of our children. Literacy and numeracy are at the core of what we do, but our children's well-being is equally important.



01. A Professional Community

We are a professional community of educators. We are committed to our continued professional development through active involvement in international projects and opportunities.



02. Diversity

We live in a diverse world. We foster classroom practices that allow learners to benefit from diversity, through reflection and professional dialogue within an intercultural and democratic dimension.



03. Digital Competences

We take into account the impact of digital technology and online environments, bridging the gap between in and out of school use of media, promoting responsible use.



04. Thinking Skills

We promote higher order and critical thinking skills that help learners engage with relevant issues, to distinguish facts from interpretations and to identify generalisations and stereotyping.



05. STEAM

We promote STEAM practices in school to cultivate interdisciplinary skills and foster innovation in students.

Who are we?

We are life-long learners. As professionals, we are committed to continuously develop our practices, engaging in professional development at various levels. Our combined qualifications speak for themselves. Our expertise is far-reaching. Our actions are guided by theory, research, practice and years of experience.

We know what we are talking about!

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Combined Teachers' Qualifications

25

Bachelor
Degrees

05

Postgraduate
Diplomas

05

Masters
Degrees

07

Members of
staff who are
currently
furthering their
studies at
postgraduate
level.

150

The
approximate
number of
combined years
members of
staff have spent
studying at
University level.

**Dear parents, we value your support and perspectives.
However please realise that we possess specialized training
and expertise in education that is not based on what
someone said on Facebook!**

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School Attendance

The school day starts at 08:15 and finishes at 14:15.

School attendance is obligatory and any unexcused absences will be followed by social workers.

Please help us by being punctual.

Unless the school has been informed in advance, any absence should be covered by a medical certificate.

Facilities & Resources

Built in 1902, the school's building boasts a safe, welcoming and visually stimulating environment with various amenities. The school also boasts the latest teaching and learning resources, including STEAM and digital resources, catering for the diverse needs of our learners.



The School Library

The school's library holds thousands of books to cater for different reading levels and interests. It also serves as a space for various initiatives throughout the year.



The School Kitchen

Our school kitchen, which also serves as a breakfast room, is fully equipped to cater for various activities and initiatives throughout the school year.



The Nurture Zone

The Nurture Zone is an intimate space fully equipped to deal with socio, emotional and behavioural difficulties. Sessions are tailor-made for the specific needs of children.



The Art Room

The school boasts an impressive art room where all sorts of fun activities happen. Children develop their fine motor skills, and their creativity, while learning about the major art movements.



The School Hall

The school hall is where all the magic happens. Watch out for our famous Christmas musicals, Spring and Farewell concerts involving up to 120 children at a time!

Projects

The school experience should be a fun-filled adventure and at Zabbar B there is always something going on!



We are an Erasmus+ accredited school. We are involved in a number of Erasmus+ projects and recognised for best practices at a European level.



We hold special assemblies and celebrate special days throughout the year.



Every Wednesday is DEAR.



Some Fridays are just special!



Show and tell anyone?



We have fun...



And sometimes parents are invited to join in the fun too!

What we learn with pleasure we never forget.

Alfred Mercier



Children's well-being is extremely important.

At school level, we offer various services, including complementary education, and SEBD support. We work with professionals in a multi-disciplinary approach to support each and every child entrusted in our care. These professionals include social workers, nurses, doctors, counsellors, psychologists, speech therapists and other specialists, depending on the specific needs of the child. When the service of an external professional is required, parents are almost always involved.

Unfortunately, there is a sad reality which pervades our societies – child abuse. Child abuse can take many forms, from neglect to physical and sexual abuse. And sometimes, children are abused by their own parents. As a school, we have a **legal obligation** to report any suspicion of abuse. In such cases, we are guided by official policies and ultimately, the law. The school will work with Child Safety and Child Protection Services in order to safeguard and protect children.

The school does not tolerate any form of abuse, be it directed towards children or staff alike. Any such incidents will be reported and legal action taken, as necessary.

Getting in touch

Communication is a two-way process.

We regularly communicate with parents through phone, email, school circulars and social media. It is extremely important for parents to keep up to date with the information the school provides.

Please make sure you inform us immediately if your contact details change at any point. In an emergency, we need to reach you as quickly as possible.

We practice an open-door policy.

Please do not hesitate to come to us for help, support or advice. You may get in touch with the school through phone or email. If using the phone please call between 09:00 and 13:00. It is also important that you communicate regularly with the class teachers and inform them of any issues first.

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Next steps

There is still some time before the new scholastic year starts. What happens till then? And what happens on the first day?

During summer

Over the summer children should engage in short fun learning activities. See the school website for details.

Beginning of September

We will be in touch with more details about the new school year and the way forward.

First Day of School

On the first day of school, children will be met at the door and accompanied to their classroom by a member of staff.

New beginnings are always challenging and it is normal for children to feel apprehensive. There may be some tears. It is normal. However, most children settle down fairly quickly and will feel right at home. It may take parents a bit longer to calm down from the excitement of starting a new school! Please note, that on the first day of school, our focus will be the children and we cannot hold meetings with parents, no matter how "brief".

Follow us!

We are committed to keeping the school community informed of all the initiatives at school! You can follow our progress by following our social media pages:

- The School Website - The school website provides official information about school activities, including a detailed calendar of events that is regularly updated. On the school website you can also find all the circulars that we send out to parents/guardians during the year.
- Our Facebook Page - Like and follow our Facebook page to find out all about the latest activities, notices, and all the other fun stuff we get up to during the year

**We look forward to this new journey and
thank you for your support!**

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