



Scholastic Year 25-26
St Margaret College
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Zabbar B

School Vision

"We are committed to nurture the academic, social, and emotional growth of each student, ensuring that they are prepared to excel in an ever-changing world. We aim to transmit to our students the values of confidence and compassion so that they are equipped with the necessary skills that empower them to take on the challenges of tomorrow with purpose and determination."

Mission Statement

"We strive to create a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child develops a love for learning. We will do our best to inspire curiosity for learning, creativity and strong characters aiming for lifelong success as per each individual needs. Through holistic education we will promote academic excellence, personal growth and social responsibility. In partnership with families and the community, we aim to empower every child with skills, confidence and values needed in an ever-changing world. We commit ourselves to foster a joyful and supportive learning experience, where every child feels valued and is enabled to reach his/her potential."



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We wish your child every success in the upcoming school year! Rest assured, we are committed to making daily school life a positive and meaningful experience.

Punctuality, proper uniform, respect, and adherence to school rules are just a few key aspects that will strengthen our collaboration and help us work together as a team. Your child looks to you as a role model, and your active involvement in their education is essential for their success.

May I remind you that if you have any query, you are kindly asked to communicate directly with class teacher. If this is not resolved you can thereafter direct your concern to the respective Year group Deputy Head and myself. As regards face to face appointments with the School Administration you are kindly asked to phone school – discuss the issue and thereafter an appointment can be set.

We truly count on your support!

With thanks,

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***"Every School Day Counts!
Be at school – participate – enjoy.
Be Successful!"***

*School starts 8.15am and ends at 2.15pm
Unjustified absenteeism is treated very seriously - refer to policy and
procedures in school diary.*

*Early breakfast is provided for those students who meet the necessary
conditions - this is a very good option for parents who work early – we
encourage you to apply!*

*Klabb 3-16 HW and fun activities are carried out. Klabb is administered by
FES. This opportunity is a valid option for those parents/guardians who might
be late to pick their son/daughter as soon as the school day ends. This avoids
rush.*

*Parents / guardians are kindly asked to phone at school by 1pm if their son/is
requested not to board transport. Do not use TEAMS or other means – due to
logistics issues unless you phone by 1pm – we will take it for granted that
student will use transport.*

***LET US RESPECT EACH OTHER
please adhere to the above***

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.

Information to Parents as regards absenteeism

Justified absence

If a student is absent only one day, a written justification via email (email to be sent on smc.zabbar.prb@ilearn.edu.mt) from a parent to the Head of School will be enough.

If the child is sick and visits a doctor, the note can be replaced by the medical certificate.

In each instance, the Head of School will inform the parents if the justification was accepted or not. If the justification is not accepted, student will be marked as absent.

When a student is sick for more than 3 days a medical certificate is then required.

A student is also excused with justified absence if the Head of School is presented with valid documentation (examples: in case of emergency family travel abroad, musical exams falling on school days, students representing the nation in activities abroad, bereavement, etc...).

Unjustified absence

A student is habitually absent if he/she is absent for 3 or more days without any justification. In the interest of the student, the Head of School may not accept the justification by the parent and ask for a formal medical certificate when a child is sick. When a student has been absent for 9 days (cumulative) without any justification, the Education Psycho-Social Services Personnel will intervene to address the problem at an early stage.

What constitutes a 'valid' medical certificate?

A Head of School shall only accept a certificate of illness if such certificate contains the following information:

- (a) the name, surname and registration number of the practitioner;
- (b) the name of the student;
- (c) the class and school of the student;
- (d) the date of the examination or the date of issuing of the certificate of illness – the school shall not accept a medical certificate that does not show the date of issue or consultation;
- (e) the exact period of recommended absence from school due to illness. Certificate must be renewed after a period of 7 consecutive days, unless issued by a psychiatrist or consultant. In this case the certificate is to be renewed every month.

The certificate is to be submitted on the first day the student returns to school.

Nonetheless, if the student is sick for more than 5 consecutive school days, the certificate has to be handed in by the end of the fifth day when in primary education.

Facilities & Resources

Built in 1902, the school building offers a safe, welcoming and visually stimulating environment with a range of amenities. It is equipped with modern teaching and learning resources — including STEAM and digital tools — to meet the diverse needs of our learners.

The School Library

The library holds thousands of books across different reading levels and interests. It is also used for a range of initiatives throughout the year.

The School Kitchen

Our school kitchen, which also serves as a breakfast room, is fully equipped and used regularly for school activities and events.

The Nurture Zone

The Nurture Zone is an intimate space designed to support students with social, emotional and behavioural needs. Sessions are tailored to the individual needs of each child.

The Art Room

Our art room provides a creative space where children develop their fine motor skills and learn about major art movements through fun and engaging activities.

The School Hall

The school hall is where many of our special events take place, including Christmas musicals and Spring concerts — sometimes involving up to 120 children at a time.

Gym and yard

The school makes the best use of modest gym space and spacious yard – being sports, dance or any other activity!

Projects

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

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

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

There are days when we invite parents over and have
fun together!

We simply **have fun...**

“What we learn with pleasure we never forget.”
Alfred Mercier

Services

Children's well-being is extremely important.

At school level, we offer various services, including complementary education and SEBD (Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties) support. We adopt a multi-disciplinary approach and work with the College Psycho Social Team and a range of professionals to support every child in our care. These professionals include social workers, nurses, doctors, counsellors, psychologists, speech therapists and other specialists, depending on the individual needs of the child.

Unfortunately, child abuse is a sad reality in today's society and can take many forms — from neglect to physical or sexual abuse. In some cases, this can even come from within the family. As a school, we have a **legal obligation** to report any suspicion of abuse, and we follow official policies and legal guidelines to safeguard and protect children. We work closely with Child Safety and Child Protection Services whenever necessary.

The school has **zero tolerance** for any form of abuse — towards children or staff. Any such incidents will be reported, and legal action will be taken where necessary.

Getting in Touch

Communication is a two-way process.


We regularly communicate with parents via phone, email, school circulars and social media (we do not reply on social media comments).

It is very important that parents keep up to date with all the information the school provides. Some teachers also communicate via TEAMS – time frames will be communicated by the respective teachers as teachers are not online 24/7. Though teachers might post via TEAMS in the morning, teachers are not expected to get involved in active communication. In case of after school hours emergency, parents and guardians are asked to communicate as per timeframe established by the respective class teacher.

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

Please don't hesitate to contact us for help, support or advice. You may get in touch by phone or email. If calling, please phone between **09:00 and 13:00**. It is also important that you communicate via the proper channels and regularly with the class teachers, especially if there are any concerns.

Contact

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Follow Us!

We are committed to keeping our school community informed about all the initiatives taking place at school. You can stay up to date by following us on our social media pages:

- **The School Website** – The website provides official information about school activities, including a regularly updated calendar of events. It also hosts all the circulars sent out to parents/guardians throughout the year.
- **Facebook Page** – Like and follow our Facebook page to find out about the latest activities, notices and other exciting events happening in school.


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

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