

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS – GENERAL INFORMATION

School Council Elections are being held between **Thursday 31st January and Monday 4th February 2019.**

Nominations

1. Nominations for these Councils open on 9th January 2019 and close on 18th January 2019 at 1.00 p.m.
2. Nomination forms can be collected from Schools. One can also submit a nomination online at schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt.
3. Parents and guardians of students attending this school can contest the election and vote for the School Council.
4. Only one member from each family can contest the election for the same school.
5. Parents can be members of more than one School Council as long as their children attend those schools.
6. In the case of Resource Centres, only parents whose children are registered as full-time students can participate in the elections, both as candidates as well as voters.
7. Parents of students in the last year of school may be nominated for the elections. Once their children finish school, it is up to them to decide whether or not to continue as members.
8. Parents, who are also educators, can be nominated both as Representatives of the Educators as well as Representatives of the Parents on the same Council. However, if they are elected for both posts they will have to choose one post. Educators whose children attend a different school from where they teach can be Representatives of Educators in the school where they are assigned and Representatives of Parents in their children's school.

Voting

9. Each parent/guardian is entitled to vote.
10. Each parent will be given a Code. This Code is needed for online voting.
11. The School Council Elections' system is known as '*first past the post*'. Parents are to select three parents/guardians from those nominated when voting.
12. Parents can vote online at schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt. They can use a computer, a smartphone or a tablet. They can also choose to go to the school on Thursday, Friday or Monday (31st January, 1st and 4th February) and use the computer available for voting at the school. Assistance to vote will be provided at the school. It is important that parents wishing to vote at school are to bring the Code that was given to their child so as to be able to vote. Voting at school will take place between 9.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. on the days indicated above.