

## School Council Elections – General Information for Parents/Guardians

School Council Elections are being held between **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2021**.

### **Nominations – Parents/Guardians**

1. Nominations for parents/guardians for these Councils open on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January and close on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 1.00 p.m.**
2. Nomination forms can be accessed and then submitted online at [schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt](http://schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt).
3. Parents/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/guardians 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/guardians 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/guardians, 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/guardian will receive a Code which is needed for online voting.
11. The School Council Elections' system are held using the system known as '*first past the post*'. Voters are to select three parents/guardians from those nominated when voting.
12. Parents/guardians can vote online at [schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt](http://schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt). They can use a computer, a smartphone or a tablet.
13. To vote:
  - Access the website **schoolcouncilelections.edu.mt**
  - **Enter the Code** you have received
  - Press **Continue**
  - The list of nominated candidates will be displayed. Vote for **not more than three candidates**
  - Press **Submit**
14. Elections will only be held in schools where more than three candidates are nominated.