GOVERNMENT OF MALTA
MINISTRY FOR EDUCATION
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Parent Carer Committee Nominations 2027-2029

Guidelines for Parents /Guardians

Your Participation Matters!

The Parent Carer Committee plays an important role in strengthening collaboration between families and educational stakeholders to support the educational inclusion and well-being of learners with disabilities. Through meaningful dialogue and constructive participation, the Committee contributes to the development of inclusive practices and helps ensure that the voices of parents and carers are heard.

We encourage eligible parents to actively participate in these elections by volunteering to serve as Committee Members or by nominating other parents whose children have an Individualised Education Plan (IEP).

Purpose of the Parent Carer Committee

The Parent Carer Committee shall:

- Focus on educational inclusion and support for children with disabilities.
- Promote effective collaboration between parents/guardians and education stakeholders.
- Facilitate transparent, respectful, and inclusive decision-making.
- Provide a platform for consultation on matters affecting learners with disabilities.
- Respect and operate within the policies, procedures, and legal frameworks established by the Ministry for Education.

Composition of the Parent Carer Committee

The Parent Carer Committee shall consist of:

- A Chairperson – Education Officer in Inclusion.
- Parent/guardian Representatives elected from among eligible parents and guardians.
- Representatives from the Directorate or relevant support services, as required.

Responsibilities of the Parent Carer Committee

The Committee's responsibilities include:

- Discussing matters related to educational inclusion and accessibility.
- Providing feedback on policies, practices, and services affecting learners with disabilities.
- Promoting collaboration between families, schools, and educational support services.
- Identifying common concerns and proposing recommendations for consideration by the relevant authorities.
- Supporting initiatives that enhance participation, learning, and well-being for learners with disabilities.
- Encouraging positive engagement between parents/guardians and educational stakeholders.

The Committee shall act in an advisory and consultative capacity and shall not intervene in individual cases, complaints, staffing matters, or decisions that fall within the remit of schools, the Directorate, or other competent authorities**.**

Important Dates

Election for Parents'/Guardians	
Nominations open online on	6th November 2026
Nominations close on	13th November 2026
Codes sent electronically to the schools holding an election on	24th November 2026
Codes sent by the school electronically to parents'	25th to 27th November 2026
Online voting opens on	30th November 2026
Online voting closes on	7th December 2026

Nominations

1. Who is Eligible?

Only parents/guardians of children who:

- Are currently enrolled in a State School in Malta; and
- Have a current Individualised Education Plan (IEP)

may nominate, stand for election, and vote in Parent Carer Committee Elections.

2. How to Submit a Nomination

- Access the website through your ilearn account https://education.gov.mt/useful-links/school-council-elections/
- Click on Parent Nominations.
- Complete all sections of this online form.
- By completing and submitting this form, you are self-nominating yourself for consideration.
- Please note that all fields are mandatory and must be completed before the form can be successfully submitted.
- Before submitting, kindly review the information provided to ensure that it is complete and accurate.

Eligibility and Conditions

1. Parents may nominate, contest, and vote only if their child has a current IEP.
2. Only one parent from the same family may contest the election.
3. Parents of students in their final year of schooling may contest the election.
4. Members are expected to act in the interests of all learners with disabilities and their families rather than representing individual cases.
5. Members must uphold principles of confidentiality, respect, and constructive engagement.
6. Committee membership does not grant access to confidential information relating to other learners, families, or schools.

Voting

1. Each eligible parent/carer will receive a unique voting code and a link to the online ballot.
2. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the Parent Carer Committee.
3. Eligible voters may select up to the specified number of candidates indicated on the ballot.

How to Vote

- Access the website through your ilearn account: https://education.gov.mt/useful-links/school-council-elections/
- Click on **Parent Voting**.
- Choose 10 (ten) candidates from the displayed list.
- Enter your unique voting code.
- Click **Vote**.

Code of Conduct

All members of the Parent Carer Committee are expected to:

- Promote inclusion, dignity, and respect for all learners.
- Work collaboratively with schools, educational professionals, and families.
- Engage in discussions respectfully and constructively.
- Respect confidentiality and data protection requirements.
- Avoid conflicts of interest.
- Operate within the policies and legal frameworks established by the Ministry for Education.

Important Note

An election shall only be held if the number of valid nominations exceeds the ten members. If the number of nominees is equal to or fewer than the number of available positions, nominees shall be deemed elected automatically.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting inclusive education and ensuring that the voices of parents and carers of children with disabilities continue to contribute to the development of an inclusive educational system.

Kind Regards