

Loreto Convent School Gibraltar



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Dear Parents,

Your child has shown an interest in participating in this year's School Gardening club.

I would like to inform you of our mission. Educating children about the origins of our food is important, hence our 'Plant to Plate' tagline. We aim to help children understand that their food is not grown in the supermarkets, but by our dedicated farmers. The children will plant, nurture and harvest the produce they grow and then prepare and cook it. We will be linking in with our 'Bees in the Curriculum' project where the children will learn about bee keeping.

Of course, we will also be looking to grow a range of flowers and plants to help improve the aesthetics of the school site. Our overall aim is to educate, albeit with a self-sufficient ethos in mind. We will once again use as much of the ingredients we grow in the garden to cook with at school or at home. We will be manufacturing planters, benches, and other items for the school garden to enhance the children's Art, Design and Technology knowledge.

The club will meet on a Tuesday after school, from 15:45 – 17:15. All children will leave via the lower gate and depart the school site as indicated on the enrolment form. There will be an annual £15.00 membership fee which will be used to purchase the seeds, materials and ingredients that we will require over the year. It is compulsory for suitable old clothing to be worn along with the Gardening Club polo-shirt, available at £20.00. Please make all payments through the school office with envelopes marked 'Gardening Club'.

Please complete a [short enrolment form](#) on the 'School Day' section, 'School Forms' on our school website's homepage. This form is to be submitted online by **Friday 16th October**, I will then invite your child to commence Gardening Club on **Tuesday 3rd November at 15:45** in the **School Garden**. Please ensure your child brings sturdy shoes and old suitable clothing to change into. This year we require all children to bring their own gardening gloves, labelled with their name. These can be purchased locally from BIA Irish Town, Saverland, Interbuild to name a few.

Children will be dismissed from the lower school gate at 17:15 and will be dismissed as you have indicated on your enrolment form.

Should you have any further questions about the Gardening Club please contact me directly.

Kind regards,

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