

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 pupils about the origins of our food is important, hence our 'Plant to Plate' tagline. We aim to help pupils understand that their food is not grown in the supermarkets, but by our dedicated farmers. The pupils will plant, nurture, and harvest the produce they grow and then prepare and cook with it. We will be linking in with our 'Bees in the Curriculum' project where the pupils 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 grounds and finish off the Garden DIY SOS project we started in June. Our overall aim is to educate, albeit with a self-sufficient sustainable ethos in mind. We will endeavour to use as much of the produce we grow in the garden to cook with at school or at home. To enhance the pupil's Art, Design and Technology knowledge be manufacturing products for the school garden.

The club will meet on a Monday after school, from 15:45 – 17:15. All pupils will leave supervised by myself via the lower gate and depart the school site as indicated on the enrolment form. There will be a £20.00 membership fee which will be used to purchase seeds, materials, and resources 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 £25.00. Please make all payments through the school office with envelopes marked 'Gardening Club and your child's name'.

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 9th September** and is first come, first served. You will be emailed during week commencing 12th September notifying you if your child has been successful or not, with the aim to commence Gardening Club on **Monday 19th September** at **15:45** meeting in the **lower podium playground**. Please ensure your child brings sturdy shoes and old suitable clothing to change into. We require all pupils to bring their own personal gardening gloves, labelled with their name. These can be purchased locally from BIA Irish Town, Saverland, Interbuild or Ley Roy Merlin to name a few.

Pupil's 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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