

## **Draft of the School Outing Policy 2014**

*'Strategies for education reform need to be flexible, ongoing inclusive and embrace a long-term sustainable vision that is democratic nationwide. The proposed strategy aims to cultivate student engagement and motivation and to promote high aspirations in learning within an inclusive safe and orderly environment both physical and psychological.'*

*Framework for the Education Strategy 2014-2024*

This quote should serve us as guidelines in the formulation of this outing policy. Indeed the above proposals must form the framework within which every outing originates. While we must keep in mind the motivated and privileged children and provide outings and activities stimulating and engaging enough for them we must also keep in mind the educational underprivileged and socially deprived children. Creating a balanced programme of outings and activities is a challenge which we must face as a school every year.

The following guidelines regulate our school outing policy.

- In the beginning of the school year teachers must make sure that every child in class has handed in the form of consent for outings duly signed by parents or legal guardians.
- During the outings every teacher must take the health form of each child containing all the necessary phone numbers. A copy of the health form is also kept by the SMT.
- During every outing the senior teacher is in charge and must take the necessary decisions with firmness and authority. The senior teacher must keep in touch with the school.
- If an emergency arises and medical assistance is needed and an ambulance is called for, the teacher must get in touch with the school. It is within the remit of the SMT to inform family members of serious accidents .

- Outings are to be related to the subjects of the curriculum and other projects being undertaken at the given time by the year group or by the school.
- Preparation for the visit and a follow up is to be organized by the class teacher or by the teachers as a year group to make the outing more meaningful and effective. This might include compiling work sheets, organizing treasure hunts during the outing etc. After the outing presentations through the use of charts, power points, videos and photos taken by teachers or the children themselves etc. should be made. This can be done in the class, within the year group or during assembly, an exhibition or an open day.
- Sports related activities are to be highly encouraged. Participation in activities organized by the Sports Promotion Unit are to be given priority. This might include the Cross Country event for Yr. 6 children, Futsal tournament for the Year 5 and the Year 6 children, Fun Walk or trekking organized by the school or under the supervision of the Sports Promotion Unit, Fun Games, swimming lessons including the swimming festival for the year 5 classes and other similar activities.
- A fun related outing is to be organized by the school during Christmas time.
- It is of paramount importance that safety measures are adhered to fully throughout the visit or activity and teachers and Isas are to stay with the class children during the visit unless other supervisors take charge of the children formally.
- As for a possible outing expenses are kept to a minimum.
- Transport costs are not refundable as costs are calculated on number of children per class. Whereas entrance fees paid by the child may be refunded.

The following is a list of educational visits that may be organized by the 3 year groups.

<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Cottonera Sports Complex</b>	<b>Swimming lessons National Pool</b>	<b>Għar Dalam Fgħar Qim</b>
<b>Festival Żiguzajk</b>	<b>Swimming Festival National Pool</b>	<b>Buskett Fieldwork</b>
<b>Maths Trail- Barakka</b>	<b>Birgu Fieldwork – related With Social Studies</b>	<b>Xrobb I-Għagin</b>
<b>'Fuq il-Passi ta' Dun Karm' and Good Friday Exhibition</b>	<b>Simar Għadira Natural Reserve</b>	<b>Xemxija Ridge</b>
<b>Science fieldwork At Santa Luċia Gardens</b>	<b>Ċentru tal- Akwakultura San Luċjan</b>	<b>Il-Palazz tal-Granmastru u I-Armerija</b>
<b>Argotti Gardens</b>	<b>Maths Trail - Mdina</b>	<b>Maths Trail San Anton</b>
<b>Civil Protection</b>	<b>Home Economics Centre B'Kara</b>	<b>Orientation Visit to Secondary School</b>
<b>Għammieri Farm</b>	<b>Science Expo</b>	<b>Seminars in preparation for the Secondary Schools</b>

This list of course is not exclusive and the SMT is always open to proposals presented by the teachers themselves or by other outside agencies. The educational value of every outing determines whether the school will participate or abstain.