



## Junior, TY & Senior Cycle Book Scheme and Stationery Provision 2025-2026

Dear Parents/Guardians, this is a reminder that all students in each year group will receive free *schoolbooks* and *core classroom materials* in the 2025/2026 school year.

This will be in place from September 2025. These schoolbooks will be provided on loan to students for the duration of their Junior Cycle, TY & Senior Cycle programme and must be returned to the School at the end of the three, one or two year cycles respectively.

This scheme is being expanded by Minister for Education Helen McEntee TD, in recognition of the cost of preparing children and young people for the return to School. The expanded scheme eliminates the cost to parents/guardians of providing schoolbooks and certain core classroom resources.

- **"Schoolbooks"** includes all relevant schoolbooks from 1st Year to 6th Year.
- Colaiste na Mí will provide a standard stationery pack for all students, as outlined in Department of Education guidelines.
- A complete list of items that students will receive from the book scheme can be found in **\*Appendix 1/1.2/1.3** below.

*Please note that the scheme does not eliminate all costs associated with returning to school, students and parents will still be required to purchase certain materials not included in the \*Appendix.*

### Book Scheme

- Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to students for the duration of the 2025/26 school year and must be returned to school when the student has completed their Junior Cycle or Leaving Certificate.
- All schoolbooks and core classroom resources provided under the new scheme will remain the property of the school, so that they can be reused in future years (where applicable).
- These books serve as valuable resources that support students' ongoing learning and progression through the curriculum.
- Students must not write on books, except for workbooks so that books can be use in coming years.
- It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that students handle the books with care to facilitate their reuse by the school.

## School Journal

The school journal will be provided free of charge to all students. Replacement journals cost €10 and can be paid through **way2pay** after notification to the school office.

- School Journals will be given to all students upon their return to school

## \*Appendix 1

Post-primary Schoolbooks Scheme Guidance 2025/26

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## Appendix 1 – Core Classroom resources

The following resources are the items which **must** be provided by schools for all students in each respective programme as set out below (where the items are required based on particular subject choices and each school's own individual requirements).

The Department acknowledges that subject choices and combinations vary greatly in some schools. Schools have the discretion to provide additional items or substitute items on the lists below, but parents must not be asked to purchase any of these items.

Where core classroom resources are provided, the school is under no obligation to replace an item that has been lost or damaged by a student.

### Appendix 1.1 Junior Cycle students

- 1 school journal per student per Junior Cycle year
- 12 copybooks (or equivalent hard back notebook or refill pad) per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 display A4 plastic folder per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 set of ledgers/journals/cash books required for accounting/business studies per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 science copybook per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 music copybook/manuscript per student per Junior Cycle year
- 1 set of grammar books per student (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior Cycle)
- 1 maths formulae & tables/log book (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior Cycle)
- 1 scientific calculator (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior Cycle)
- Dictionary/(ies) (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior Cycle)

### Appendix 1.2 Transition Year students

- 1 school journal per student
- 4 copybooks (incl. equivalent hard back notebook or refill pad) per student
- 1 display A4 plastic folder per student
- 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case per student

### **Appendix 1.3 Senior Cycle students including Leaving Certificate Established, Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP) and Leaving Certificate Applied (LCA)**

Schools will be aware that students may already have some items from Junior Cycle and it is up to schools to determine the requirements of students.

The minimum items for Senior Cycle students (not including Transition Year students) are listed below:

Core classroom resources:

- 1 school journal per student per Senior Cycle year
- 16 copybooks to include 2 copybooks per examination subject (including equivalent hard back notebook or refill pad) per student per Senior Cycle year
- 1 set of ledgers/equivalent journals for business required for accounting/business subjects per student per Senior Cycle year
- 1 science specific copy/equivalent per student per Senior Cycle year required for science and applied science subjects
- 1 music copybook/manuscript per student per Senior Cycle year
- 1 ring binder folder and pockets or display A4 plastic folder (or equivalent) per student per subject per Senior Cycle year
- 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case per student per Senior Cycle year
- 1 maths formulae and tables/log book (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Senior Cycle)
- 1 mathematical geometry set (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Senior Cycle)
- 1 scientific calculator (to remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Senior Cycle)
- 1 dictionary/relevant grammar book per language studied per student for the duration of Senior Cycle

Where a school uses any of the items listed above, they must be provided by the school from within the grant funding.

Where a school does not intend to use some of the items listed above but uses similar or alternative items, for which parents/guardians were previously charged a fee or asked to purchase items, the school has the discretion to substitute items listed here to meet their own curricular needs in the various subjects. A school cannot, however, choose to use the funding for items not listed here and continue to charge or introduce a charge to parents/guardians or ask parents/guardians to provide the items listed above.