



Junior, TY & Senior Cycle Book Scheme and Stationery Provision 2026-2027

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Post-primary Schoolbooks Scheme for 2026/2027 school year.

For the 2026/27 school year all students in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks and core classroom resources. These will be in place in time for the start of the new school year.

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 implemented by Minister for Education and Youth, Hildegard Naughton 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** 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 2026/27 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 used 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

The following lists of resources are items which must be provided by schools. The items are listed under the various programmes. The department acknowledges that subject choices and combinations can vary in schools. Schools have the discretion to provide additional items or substitute items on the list below to meet their own curricular needs. However, parents must not be asked to purchase any of these items if they are used in the school even if a school chooses to substitute an item for another item not on the list.

Some Senior Cycle students may already have some items from Junior Cycle that can be reused again in Senior Cycle. It is up to schools to determine the requirements of students. Where a school uses any of the items listed below, they must be provided by the school from within the grant funding. The school is under no obligation to replace a core classroom resource that has been lost or damaged by a student.

Junior Cycle items (per student per year unless stated otherwise)	Number of items
School journal	1
Copybooks (or equivalent hard back notebooks or refill pads)	12
A4 plastic display folder	1
A4 plastic zip folder/carry case	1
Set of ledgers/journals/cashbooks required for business studies	1 set of 3
Science copybook	1
Music copybook or manuscript book	1
Grammar books	1 per cycle
Mathematics Formulae and Tables/Log book	1 per cycle
Mathematical geometry set	1 per cycle
Scientific calculator	1 per cycle
Dictionary/Dictionaries to cover all language subjects studied	1 per cycle

Transition Year (per student per year unless stated otherwise)	Number of items
School journal	1
Copybooks (or equivalent hard back notebooks or refill pads)	4
A4 plastic display folder	1
A4 plastic zip folder/carry case	1

Senior Cycle items (per student per year unless stated otherwise)	Number of items
School journal	1
Copybooks (or equivalent hard back notebooks or refill pads)	16 (2 per examination subject)
A4 plastic display folder/ Ring binder folder with pockets	1
A4 plastic zip folder/carry case	1
Set of ledgers/journals/cashbooks required for accounting/business studies/economics	1 set of 3
Science copybook for science and applied science subjects	1
Music copybook or manuscript book	1
Grammar books (to cover all language subjects studied)	1 per cycle
Mathematics Formulae and Tables/Logbook	1 per cycle
Mathematical geometry set	1 per cycle
Scientific calculator	1 per cycle
Dictionary/Dictionaries (to cover all language subjects studied)	1 per cycle