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## **BOOK RENTAL SCHEME FOR FIRST YEAR STUDENTS**

1. The cost of the Book Rental Scheme in First Year will be €110. This will cover the cost of textbooks for ALL subjects. It will NOT cover the cost of workbooks – which cannot be used again - dictionaries, examination papers, copies, calculators etc.
2. All first year students will be provided with a number of textbooks on their **FIRST YEAR BOOKSHOP DAY** in JUNE. Please make sure that your child has a bag to bring books home. The students will have the use of these textbooks until they complete their Junior Cycle course.
3. The textbooks are, and will remain, the property of the school and they must be looked after carefully by the student. Any textbook which is lost or destroyed **MUST BE REPLACED** by the student.
4. All textbooks **MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL** at the end of the Junior Cycle year in good condition.

**THE FEE OF €110 MUST BE PAID TO THE SCHOOL BEFORE  
FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2017. FIRST YEAR BOOKSHOP ORDERING IN  
JUNE  
NO TEXTBOOKS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL THE FEE IS PAID**

**The School Diary will be provided on the first day of term**

# Explanatory Note:

The Minister for Education & Skills has recommended that DEIS schools should provide a Book Rental scheme. From September the school will operate a book rental scheme and the traditional Bookshop for incoming First Years. The scheme will provide textbooks but parents / guardians will be obliged to purchase their own consumables – copies, pens, calculators, etc. A meeting for all parents / guardians of incoming First Year will be held to explain and outline the operation for the scheme and to establish how many parents wish to participate in the Book rental scheme.

The underlying principles of a Book rental are that it is contributed to by everyone; that a parcel of books needed by the individual pupil is provided at the same charge to each pupil in First Year regardless of the individual cost of the books ( some combinations of subjects may cost more or less than others ); the parent / guardian commits to paying a rental charge each year ( in First, Second and Third Year ) which means that there is no large single expense. The books are the property of the school and are returned and reissued to the next cohort of pupils entering the year.

The annual charge pays for the books and the renewal of books each year to allow the process move on up the Year Groups, and the books are returned at the end of the year. The cost of the Book rental will be €110 per year which will cover the text books and School Journal.

As well as the initial investment, there is a very considerable administrative workload in organising a Book rental. Parents / Guardians must be prepared to commit to the yearly charge for the three years.. Pupils must commit to maintaining the books in good order, free from graffiti. Pupils must accept that where books are being returned and reissued that the condition of the books is not the responsibility of the school. The Book Shop will be open for First Year parents / guardians in June 2017 to allow parents pay the first €110 instalment and order the required books. The books will be ordered and be bagged, available for collection in August.

If parents / guardians have not paid the €110 Book rental charge by June 25<sup>th</sup>, the school cannot guarantee that the pack of books will be ready for their son / daughter in August. The Rental charge will be due at the time of enrolment into Second Year and Third Year.

## BOOK RENTAL OPERATING CHARGE

YEAR 1 €110 Payable at BOOKSHOP in June

YEAR 2 €110 Payable with Second Year Enrolment

YEAR 3 €110 Payable with Third year Enrolment

The School Bookshop will continue to operate for other Year Groups until the Rental Scheme moves along the Years.