



Re: Post-primary Schoolbooks Scheme for the 2025/26 school year.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

For the 2025/26 school year all students in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks and core classroom resources. Schools now have responsibility for providing schoolbooks and core classroom resources to all students at the start of the 2025/26 school year.

Where parents/guardians of second and third year, sixth year students currently own their schoolbooks or were provided with schoolbooks under the Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme in 2024/25 these should continue to be used. All books for students in other years groups (first, transition year, 5th year (including LCA1)) will be covered under this scheme.

Parents/Guardians of students commencing second, third and sixth year may already have purchased, or under the Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme students were provided with, a significant amount of the schoolbooks and classroom resources required. Any additional schoolbooks and core classroom resources required by students in these years will now be covered under the scheme.

All schoolbooks and core classroom resources provided under the scheme will remain the property of the school, so that they can be reused in future years (where applicable).

Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to students for the duration of the 2025/26 school year and must be returned to school at the end of the programme cycle (3 years for Junior Cycle, 2 years for Senior Cycle).

Under the terms of the scheme, schools are permitted to charge a refundable deposit to cover lost, damaged and unreturned schoolbooks. The school has decided to charge a refundable deposit of €50 per student for **incoming first years only**. When schoolbooks are returned to school in good condition, the deposit will be refunded when the students have reached the end of the Junior Cycle. Payment should be made through our online school payment system (further information will follow).

Please remind your children to take care of their schoolbooks and classroom resources and keep them in good condition during the period that they are in their possession. The school is under no obligation to replace an item that has been lost or damaged by a student.

There may be some additional classroom resources that are not covered by the scheme. Further details of what, (if any), items parents/guardians will need to supply for the return to school in August/September 2025 will be communicated to parents/guardians by the school. Any queries can be emailed to books@lucancc.ie.

Yours faithfully,

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