

## **Coláiste Muire**

### **Policy in relation to The Department of Education's Schoolbooks Scheme for Junior Cycle in Post-Primary Schools**

The Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme, introduced for the 2024/25 school year, will remove the cost from families of funding schoolbooks, including eBooks, and core classroom resources for all Junior Cycle students in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme.

Detailed information on the Department of Education Scheme is available on:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/5652a-schoolbooks-scheme-for-junior-cycle-in-post-primary-schools/>

This link includes information for parents, a one-page document which can be viewed or downloaded from the above site. It is recommended that all parents familiarise themselves with this information.

Funding under the Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme does not extend to including the purchase of digital devices by schools.

All schoolbooks remain the property of the school and are on loan to students.

Parents/guardians should be reminded that students are expected to take good care of their schoolbooks and classroom resources and keep them in good condition during the year. If a schoolbook is not returned to the school, at the end of each year/at the end of the Junior cycle, or returned in a state rendering it unusable by another student (e.g. pages missing or defaced) then the parents/guardians of that student are responsible for repayment to the school for the cost of that text book.

In the unlikely event that a parent/guardian indicates that they do not wish to receive free schoolbooks and core classroom resources under this scheme, the parent/guardian will be provided with the relevant class booklist(s). They can then make their own arrangements to source the necessary schoolbooks and any other classroom resources provided by the school under the scheme.

In such instances the school is not obliged to refund the parent/guardian the cost of such purchases as the parent/guardian has clearly expressed their wish not to participate in the scheme.

#### Distribution of books

- Students will be allotted a combination of new and second-hand books as appropriate.
- Packs of books will be distributed to students at the beginning of the school year.

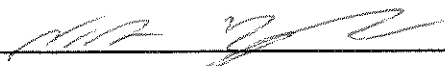
#### Return of books

- Students will be informed of the date by which books must be returned.
- If books are not returned by the specified date the School Book Scheme Personnel follows up on same.
- The cost of lost/excessively damaged books is borne by the student/parents.

#### Maintenance of books

- Students are responsible for all text books issued to them by the school.
- While all textbooks remain the property of the school, students are required to handle them with care.
- All school books must be suitably covered and be labelled with the student's name and class. It is the responsibility of the participants of the scheme to ensure this done.
- An undertaking to this effect is included in the School Book Scheme contract, which students and parents/guardians sign in order to participate in the scheme.

This policy was agreed on the date noted below.

Signed:   
Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 24.09.2024

Signed:   
Principal

Date: 24.09.2024

## School Book Scheme contract

I /We have read and agree to the arrangements for participation in the School Book Scheme. ☑

I /We understand that textbooks, workbooks, novels and general stationery (copies etc) are covered by the scheme. ☑

I /We understand that the books remain the property of Coláiste Muire and they will be looked after and returned for checking when required ☑

Ainm an Scoláire: \_\_\_\_\_

Student name

Rang: \_\_\_\_\_

Class

Síniú (Tuismitheoir): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (parent/guardian)

Dáta: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

Síniú (Scoláire): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (student)