



Parent/Guardian Voluntary Contribution (current 1st, 2nd, 3rd, TY, 5th years)

28 May 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of the school year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. Your role in assisting your son/daughter as they avail of the educational opportunities we provide here in Lucan Community College is a vital one and knowing that you understand the school ethos and approach makes our role as educators more effective and enjoyable. We hope that our students have had an enjoyable and productive year so far.

We are currently engaged in planning for the 2019/20 school year. Please phone the office to inform us if your son/daughter is not intending to return to our school and to where they are moving. Please inform us immediately if your child is not returning so that we can begin the process of offering available school places to applicants.

If your child is returning to us, we ask that you please pay the voluntary contribution for next year by Friday 14th June. This can be paid online using a credit/debit card and following the instructions provided on the school website. A receipt for your records will be generated online when you pay. If you have difficulty using the online payment system please email admin@lucancc.ie with a description of the issue and we will endeavour to resolve it for you. Payment by cash or cheque can only be processed in exceptional circumstances. **Amounts due are €180 for a single student, €270 for two siblings (€180 + €90), €320 for three or more siblings (€180 + €90 + €60)** and represent a small increase on previous years. Please contact the office to arrange for exemptions of payments to be made for siblings.

The remainder of this letter explains how your voluntary contribution contributes to your son/daughter's educational experience in Lucan Community College. Apart from the usual and expected educational services that the school provides through funding from Dublin and Dun Laoghaire ETB and the Department of Education, the many co-and extra-curricular activities such as sports, subject related clubs and development projects would not be possible without the financial help of the annual Parental Voluntary Contribution. In addition, the parent text-messaging system is fully funded by the Voluntary Contribution. From this year, the student insurance scheme will be charged for separately through our on-line payment system. Details will be circulated with reports and booklists in mid-June.

Our programme of sports, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities is wide-ranging and varied, and provides every student with options for developing his or her talents outside the classroom. Further details are available on our school website www.lucancc.ie and Junior Cycle students now have all of their learning through these activities included in their Junior Cycle Profile of Achievement. Senior students find that their school reference is richer as a result of their involvement in the various activities on offer. Our in-house examinations, and purchase of the exam papers for the Pre-Junior and Pre-Leaving Certificate (Mock) examinations, are also funded from our Parental Voluntary Contribution Fund whereas many other schools charge for these separately at a considerable extra expense on parents. Correction of the mock examinations is charged for separately.

We have celebrated the success of our students at the highest level in recent years and we try to support all students no matter what their skill levels or interests and to promote participation outside of the classroom as we believe this develops collegiality, community and a sense that learning together is fun. Lucan Community College moves with the times and your financial contribution makes that possible. We believe that we are providing an educational programme, which is extremely successful in developing the full potential of all, but remember that we can only do this because teachers in this school give time and energy to co- and extra-curricular activities free of charge and parents/guardians support activities through this contribution. Our active Parents Association's fund-raising also contribute to the additional activities we can provide. We are extremely grateful. We will be in touch again during June with booklists, calendar and reports and other information.

Thank you for your interest in and support for your son/daughter's education. Your contribution makes a considerable difference.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Birnie (Principal)