



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Junior Cycle Schoolbooks Scheme for the 2024/25 school year.

For the 2024/25 school year all students in Junior Cycle years in the free education system will receive free schoolbooks and certain other resources. These will be ready for students to collect in August 2024 (dates to be confirmed).

This new scheme is being introduced by Minister for Education Norma Foley TD. It is in recognition of the cost of preparing children and young people for the return to school. The new scheme eliminates the cost to parents/guardians of providing schoolbooks and certain core classroom resources. The scheme will ensure equity of access, where all children and young people enrolled in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme can commence the new school year in 2024/25 with the same schoolbooks and classroom resources as other children and young people in their class.

Parents/Guardians of students commencing second and third year will have already purchased a significant amount of the schoolbooks and classroom resources required for Junior Cycle. These should be retained by the student for the remainder of Junior Cycle and used for revision purposes. Any additional schoolbooks and certain core classroom resources required by students in second and third year will now be covered under the new scheme.

Please note that 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). All schoolbooks will be provided on loan to students for the duration of their time in 1st to 3rd year and must be returned to school when requested. The loan period may vary depending on the book but all reusable books must be returned to the school at the end of the 3 years of Junior Cycle.

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. Books should be clearly labelled with name and class of student and students should avoid writing on schoolbooks. Workbooks can be written on and will not be returned to the school. Any lost or damaged books will need to be replaced by the parent and returned to the school after junior cycle.

There will be some additional classroom resources that are not covered by the scheme and will need to be purchased by parents for August or during the school year. Details are on our website. We will arrange for distribution of 1st year books prior to Induction Day while 2nd and 3rd year books will be distributed when students return. All queries about the book grant should be sent to jcbookgrant@lucancc.ie

Yours Sincerely,

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Principal