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Schoolbooks for Junior Cycle students in Post-Primary Schools 2024/25

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Government has approved a new schoolbooks scheme for all students in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme in Ireland from September 2024.

Funding is being made available from the Department of Education to every school to enable this to happen.

- Schoolbooks and core classroom resources will be provided to all children and young people enrolled in Junior Cycle years in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme.
- This means that the cost of schoolbooks and core classroom resources will be eliminated for their families and will ease the financial burden facing families at back to school time.

Through this measure, we are enhancing 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.

It is important to note that schools have been advised to provide all schoolbooks and core classroom resources from the funding available. This includes copybooks, hardback notebooks, school journals, plastic folders, maths formulae and tables/log books, calculators. It can also include novels and plays, lab copybooks for science subjects, music copybooks or accounting ledger books.

My Department has published an information leaflet for parents/guardians on how the new scheme will operate. The scheme guidance and parents' leaflet is published at www.gov.ie/schoolbookschemes Should you have any query in relation to this new scheme please email: jcschoolbooks@education.gov.ie



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