Skerries Community College
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School Books Scheme 2026/27

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we prepare for the 2026/27 academic year, I am pleased to provide an update regarding the Department of Education's Free Schoolbooks Scheme, which will continue for all students in post-primary education, including both Junior and Senior Cycle students.

Under this scheme, all students attending schools within the Free Education Scheme will receive their schoolbooks and core classroom resources free of charge. We are delighted to continue implementing this initiative in Skerries Community College, as it greatly supports families and helps ensure every student has access to the resources they need for learning.

From September, students will receive the required textbooks, workbooks, and essential classroom materials for their subjects directly through the school. This also includes key resources such as student journals, novels, dictionaries, and, where available, digital eBooks to support teaching and learning.

Please note that all books and materials provided under the scheme remain the property of the school. Students are expected to take good care of these resources and return them in good condition at the end of the school year or upon completion of a course. Where items are lost or damaged beyond normal wear and tear, replacement costs may apply.

While the scheme significantly reduces back-to-school costs, some additional items remain outside its scope. Certain practical subjects may still require families to purchase specialist materials or equipment, such as art supplies, PE gear, or other subject-specific items. A list of any additional requirements will be shared with families over the summer.

We recognise that some families may experience financial difficulty, and we encourage any parent or guardian with concerns to contact the school directly. Supporting our students and ensuring every young person is fully equipped for school remains a priority for us.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are proud to work in partnership with you in supporting your child's education and wellbeing. Should you have any questions regarding the scheme, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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