



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Post-primary Schoolbooks Scheme for the 2026/27 school year

For the 2026/27 school year all students in post-primary schools in the Free Education Scheme will receive free schoolbooks and core classroom resources.

“Schoolbooks” includes all relevant schoolbooks, including ebooks for all programmes at both Junior and Senior Cycle, including Transition Year. It covers workbooks in use in the school to support teaching and subject learning. It also includes necessary additional texts such as novels and plays for English and where required, books of past examination papers for all subjects.

All schoolbooks and core classroom resources provided under the scheme will remain the property of the school, so that they can be reused in future years (where applicable). **Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to students for the duration of the 2026/27 school year and must be returned to school at the end of the programme cycle (3 years for Junior Cycle, 2 years for Senior Cycle).**

Please remind your daughter to take care of their schoolbooks and classroom resources and keep them in good condition during the period that they are in their possession. **It is not permitted to write on schoolbooks. The school is under no obligation to replace an item that has been lost or damaged by a student and the cost of replacing a book will be the responsibility of parents/guardians.**

The following core classroom resources will be provided to your daughter for the school year 2026/2027

Core Classroom resources for Junior Cycle students

- 10 soft back copybooks per student per Junior Cycle year
- Pack of A4 Durable Cover copies per student per Junior Cycle Year
- A5 durable cover copy if applicable
- A4 Plastic Folder for Junior Cycle
- A4 Zip plastic folder for Junior Cycle where applicable
- Display folder with 20 pockets where applicable
- 1 Science Copy per First year students
- Music manuscript where applicable
- Maths Copy per Junior Cycle student
- Maths Formulae and tables for First year students
- Scientific Calculator for First year students
- Geometry Set for First Year students
- Dictionary for Irish /English and Language studied per First Year Students
- Colouring pencils per First Year students
- Art supplies for Art students only as per book list



Note

Students in Second and Third year are asked to continue with the all copies and Science copies from First and Second year respectively. In addition, students are asked to continue with the same display folders and zip folders provided to them in 2025/2026.

Core Classroom Resources for Transition Year students

- A4 Durable cover copybook
- A4 plastic display folder
- Maths copy with squares
- A4 zip folder
- Colouring pencils
- A4 paper folder
- Music Manuscript where applicable
- Scrapbook
- Scissors
- Art supplies for Art students where applicable

Students going into Transition Year are asked to retain the following for 2026/2027

- Scientific Calculator
- Maths Formulae and Tables Book
- Geometry Set

Core Classroom Resources for Senior Cycle students including Leaving Certificate Vocational Programme (LCVP)

- Soft copies 10pk
- A4 durable cover copybooks
- Music manuscript where applicable
- A4 zip folder
- Ring binder and poly pockets
- A5 Hardback copy where applicable
- Maths copy with squares
- A4 paper folder
- Scrapbook
- Maths Formulae and Tables
- Geometry set
- Scientific calculator
- Art supplies for Art students where applicable



Dictionaries, Maths Formulae and Tables books, Scientific Calculators and Geometry Sets remain assigned to that student for the duration/remainder of the Junior/Senior Cycle and will be returned to the school at the end of the Junior Cycle/Senior Cycle programme

There are some additional resources that are not covered by the scheme which need to be purchased by parents/guardians.

These additional resources include Stationary items such as:

- Blue/Black and Red pens
- Pencils
- Good quality eraser
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil case
- Pritt Stick
- 30cm Ruler
- White board marker and white board
- Large coloured zip folders to hold books/copies for each subject if preferred

All students will receive their books on their return to school in August

The Schoolbook Scheme policy for St Joseph's College and the book lists for 2026/2027 are available to view on the school's website.

Current First year and Second year students are asked to return their books in Irish, English and Maths on the day of these Exams in May.

Third year and Sixth year students are requested to return schoolbooks as an entire bundle at the end of the Junior and Leaving Certificate exam. The drop off point for schoolbooks will be Classroom B53. This will facilitate the accurate record keeping of books returned. Students will receive books for TY on the return of all Junior Cycle Books.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with delivering the schoolbook scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Bernadette Fitzgerald

Principal