



14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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. The new scheme eliminates the cost to parents/guardians of providing schoolbooks and 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.

St Peter's College has an established book rental scheme and the costs associated with the book rental scheme will now be covered by this government grant. This grant will cover all returnable school books, workbooks, novels, printing and photocopying, kits/journals for specialist subjects, a set of 12 copies, 1 school journal, 1 display A4 plastic folder, 1 plastic zip A4 folder/carry case, 1 science copybook, 1 set of grammar books, 1 maths formulae & tables/log book, 1 scientific calculator and dictionaries.

Other direct costs that are collected annually are **not** covered by the scheme i.e. school locker, 24 hour school insurance, mock examinations, musical matinee, all buses for school events, workshops, presentations, extra curricular registrations, class trip and text a parent.

For Junior Cycle students the direct costs for 2024.2025 are €105.

St Peter's College has been authorised to collect these direct costs by LMETB (Louth Meath Education and Training Board).

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. 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. It is not permitted to write on schoolbooks.

The Way2Pay link is now available, the direct costs can be paid in instalments. Please contact the school office in the strictest confidence if there is any issue with payment of the direct costs.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal