



Scoil Náisiúnta Bhantiarna Lourdes

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our school has again decided to combine the two Voluntary Schemes in operation in the school - the **Arts/Crafts & Photocopying Scheme** and the **Book Rental Scheme**. This year again one single payment of €60 will cover both.

The cost of Book Rental and Arts/Crafts & Photocopying has been very good value because we have kept the number of new books in Book Rental to a minimum and used DEIS funds to provide a wide selection of class novels for Book Rental Scheme.

The Board does appreciate that in current economic circumstances not all families may be in a position to pay this €60 in one payment. Arrangements can be made to have the money paid in a number of instalments and the school will be as accommodating as possible in this regard. Should you wish to speak in confidence with the school's HSCL about this or any other matter please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jordan on 083-0429573.

Arts/Crafts & Photocopying: What is this money spent on?

Paper, card, paint, brushes, modelling clay, Pritt-Stick, PVA glue, glitter, White Tack, scissors, markers, rubber stamps, craft sticks, pipe cleaners, chubby crayons, flashcards, plastic folders, pencils, ink etc. Photocopying – additional worksheets, class tests, information handouts, infants' homework, supplementary resources for many areas of the curriculum such as for Gaeilge etc. There are also certain times of the year when class teachers spend additional funds on resources such as First Confession, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, concerts, preparing for entrance tests to secondary school etc.

How do I join this Combined Voluntary Arts/Crafts, Photocopying & Book Rental Scheme?

Please put the €60 in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly marked on the outside and give it to the class teacher. A receipt will be given by the teacher. Alternatively the money can be given to our secretary Helen who will also issue a receipt.

Of course this is a voluntary scheme and parents can decide not to join the scheme but to get the arts and crafts materials and books for their child/children themselves. In this case the teacher will give a list of the required materials and books to the parents so they can purchase them for their child/children.

A detailed breakdown of all books in the Book Rental Scheme will be available on our school's website in June. Books will be collected on Tuesday 13th June but books will not be given out until the start of the new school year. This means that pupils will not have heavy bags of books to bring home on the day of the holidays and then to bring back when school reopens. **To qualify for admission to this Voluntary Scheme the contribution must be paid on or before Friday 8th June. Families supported under the Department's Assistance Grant Scheme will pay €40 per child.**

With sincere thanks for your continued support,



James Roberts, Principal

School reopens for 2017/2018 on Wednesday 29th August. The school calendar for next year is now available on the school's website.