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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Similar to last year, the Department of Education Free Books for Schools scheme for all primary school children will continue for the 2024/25 academic year.

Schools are required to purchase all textbooks, workbooks and copybooks for every child in school. A grant of €20,080 was paid to the school in order to purchase these items. This is a reduction of over €4000. The school has purchased the items from High Street Books and they will be ready for distribution to the children on the first day of the new school year.

Prior to the scheme, the school would have asked for a book rental fee which would have included class readers, class novels and online subscriptions. Furthermore, a voluntary contribution was collected to help pay for art & crafts materials, ink and printing costs, paper, photocopying costs, texting parents and phone calls to parents. As I am sure you can appreciate, all of these costs have risen significantly in recent times.

Also, parents were asked to contribute €7 per annum per child to avail of 24 hour cover for Pupil Personal Insurance which provides cover for Medical and Dental Expenses as well as capital benefits following an accident at school or at home (irrespective of legal liability). Unlike the standard school insurance, there is no need to prove negligence with this policy and payment of claim is made on receipt of a completed claim form with the appropriate receipts.

Parents/guardians of children from First Class to Sixth Class also paid extra for a homework journal.

Similar to last year, we are grouping all of these payments together and asking for a once-off payment on Aladdin for each child. The breakdown of the payment per child is as follows:

Payment Amount	Item(s)
€35	Art & crafts materials, ink and printing costs, paper, photocopying costs, texting parents and phone calls to parents
€31	Online Subscriptions- Twinkl, Bua na Cainte, Seesaw, Rainbow Oral Language Programme, Apps for I-Pads.
€7	Pupil Personal Insurance
€10	Homework Journals (1st to 6th class only)

A total of €73 will be asked for all children in Junior & Senior Infants.

A total of €83 will be asked for all children in 1st Class to 6th Class.

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All payments can be made online via the **Aladdin Connect App**. The school does not accept cash payment.

Children are expected to wear the school uniform/ school tracksuit every day

School uniform should be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

School tracksuit should be worn on Tuesday and Friday.

Please see uniform handout for further information

***If your child cannot tie shoelaces, they must wear footwear with VELCRO fastening.**

- School uniform and school tracksuit are available from **Laura's Schoolwear, Douglas**.
- Please ensure that the pupil's name is clearly marked on every item.

Important:

- Please make any changes to home address or telephone numbers on Aladdin Connect.
- Please update any emergency contacts and ensure that there is at least one other contact besides parents.
- Please ensure that the school has a contact e-mail address as all letters from school are electronic and will be sent via e-mail or the Aladdin Connect App.

Green Schools Initiative - School Lunches

We encourage the children to use paper bags, flasks and lunchboxes for their lunches. (Avoid tinfoil and plastic bags if possible.) Also, be aware that there is a Healthy Lunch Policy in operation in the school.

Supervision is provided from 8.30 a.m. each morning.

School will re-open on Thursday, 29th August 2024 at 8:50 a.m.

If you have any questions/ queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on oifig@ballintemplens.com.

Thank you for your continued support.

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